BA in Spanish Curriculum

Students are required to take 33 credits, 30 of which must be upper-division. Students are encouraged to spend at least one semester in a Spanish-speaking country.

Core Requirements (15 Credits)
- SPAN 375 Literature and Culture of Spain I
- SPAN 376 Literature and Culture of Spain II
- SPAN 377 Literature and Culture of Latin America I
- SPAN 378 Literature and Culture of Latin America II
- SPAN 498 Junior/Senior Seminar

Linguistics Requirements (6 Credits)
- SPAN 396 Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics
- SPAN 440 A Multidisciplinary Approach to Spanish Bilingualism
- SPAN 441 Spanish Phonetics and Phonology

Electives (12 Credits)
- SPAN 202 Intermediate Spanish II
- SPAN 326 Reading and Interpreting Literature
- SPAN 343 Advanced Grammar and Composition
- SPAN 344 Spanish Writing Workshop

TOTAL credits 33

Minor in Spanish

Requirements
- 21 credits, 18 of which must be upper-division

Required Courses
- SPAN 326 and one Linguistics course
SPANISH is widely spoken here in California and throughout the United States. The Spanish academic program is dedicated to promoting culturally and linguistically competent citizens in our multicultural and multilingual society. It is the largest program in the department, instructing more than 700 students each academic semester. More than 150 students choose Spanish as their major or minor for their undergraduate degree.

The professors in the Spanish academic program are dedicated to the communicative approach to language teaching in the lower-division program and offer a wide range of interdisciplinary courses on linguistics, literature and culture in the upper-division program. The department emphasizes student participation in a class size that is limited to 19 students for a more personalized education.

Knowledge of languages is the doorway to wisdom. 
"El conocimiento de idiomas es la puerta a la sabiduría."
- Roger Bacon
Global Studies

Studying abroad offers a unique opportunity for immersion in other cultures and countries. Chapman Study Abroad coordinates study programs lasting from one semester to an academic year in length to a variety of destinations in Central America, South America and Spain. While abroad students enroll in a full course of study in various academic fields, they can receive Chapman credit and pay their regular Chapman tuition.

Language majors and minors can take advantage of a rich array of study abroad opportunities in Spanish speaking countries. Semester programs are offered in Argentina, Spain, Costa Rica, and many other places. Students may also take advantage of the faculty-lead interterm program in Buenos Aires, Argentina or the summer program in Barcelona, Spain.

Sienna Duran-Kneip ’19 majored in Spanish and Economics in preparation for studying International Law: “During the summer between my junior and senior year, I had the opportunity to intern at a law firm in Madrid in which I got to sit in on civil litigation, insurance fraud and bankruptcy trials to see, first-hand, how the legal system works in Spain as compared to the legal system here in the U.S.”

International Internships and Research

Spanish Majors and Minors are provided with unique opportunities to carry out individual projects in a variety of Spanish-speaking countries. Through the Center for Global Education, students may choose to do an internship in Spain or Chile in an area of their interest. This option is ideal for students with a minor or double major in Spanish since they may use their Spanish in an authentic arena which will benefit the career skills they are seeking. Students have found exciting internships in the public schools abroad, working in medical clinics, language schools and for the film industry. Prof. Hodge is the professor of note responsible for guiding the students in their academic pursuits in the internship.

A special program for doing research in Peru has been designed by Prof. Valenzuela. Many Spanish majors and minors have traveled to remote areas in the Amazon to assist in a program for the preservation of indigenous languages.

Kyle Whatnall ’19 majored in Spanish and Strategic/Corporate Communication in preparation for a career in the Entertainment or Sports industries: “My current internship for a Sports Public relations firm in Los Angeles grants me exciting opportunities to showcase my fluency in Spanish when pitching sporting event coverage to media outlets, particularly for boxing, soccer, and baseball events. My knowledge of Spanish has helped me to stand out in a competitive professional world.”
Interdisciplinary & Integrated Studies

The BA in Spanish is interdisciplinary and innovative in both scope and nature. The program offers advanced courses which focus on three major study areas: Peninsular literature and culture; Latin American and US Latino literatures and cultures; and Linguistics. An interdisciplinary approach is adopted in each course so that students who graduate with a degree in Spanish become well-rounded global citizens as they complete core units of study. Courses integrate such disciplines as: linguistics, education, ethnicity and psycholinguistics in Spanish 440; language, history and geographical variations in Spanish 396 and 441; poetry, art and theater in Spanish 484; Hispanic theater and the Classics in Spanish 485; and technology and literature in Spanish 470, among many others. Proficiency in Spanish is a key element for success in any professional arena in today's US and global job market. Our graduates use Spanish in a variety of fields such as the film industry, health care, psychology, teaching, academia, international companies and NGOs. Our alumni have continuously lauded the benefits of having acquired a fluent command of the language as a bridge to achieving their professional goals.

Students in front of the Frida Kahlo Theater in Los Angeles waiting to see a play in Spanish.