Spanish majors must complete a minimum of 10 courses and a maximum of 14, including one course from each of the eight areas below, plus two or more elective courses. An elective is a second course (or its approved equivalent) taken from any of the required areas. One course offered on campus outside of the Spanish department that is directly relevant to the Spanish major may be counted as an elective, subject to approval by the department chair. At least two advanced courses (400 or above) must be taken at Holy Cross during the fourth year.

Spanish majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad at one of the College’s programs in Latin America (Buenos Aires, Argentina; Lima, Peru; or El Salvador) or Spain (La Coruña, León, or Palma de Mallorca).

Planning considerations for study abroad students:

Up to four Spanish major requirements can be met by a year of study in an approved program abroad, or up to two in a semester.

A year-long course at a study abroad site counts as two courses in Holy Cross. One of four courses taken abroad each semester is a required Holy Cross language course. For year-long programs, this course can fulfill two major requirements, normally Focused Language (Area 2), Culture & Civilization (Area 3), or an elective. For semester programs, the course may be used for Area 2, Area 3 or an elective.

Students planning to study abroad should prioritize taking Introduction to Textual Analysis (Area 5) and a Readings course (Area 6) at Holy Cross. Students should also consider studying Linguistics (Area 4) at Holy Cross either before or after their time abroad.

If you declare a Spanish major while studying abroad, please notify your Class Dean and the Registrar, who will help with course approvals and advising contacts.

Please refer to checklist on the following page
Area 1: Composition and Conversation (one of the following courses)

_____ Spanish 301 “Spanish Composition and Conversation”
_____ Spanish 302 “Composition for Bilingual Speakers”

Area 2: Focused Language (one of the following courses)

_____ Spanish 314 “Spanish for Business”
_____ Spanish 319 “Debate and Adv Oral Expression”
_____ Spanish 320 “Spanish Grammar Through Translation”

Area 3: Culture and Cinema (one of the following courses)

_____ Spanish 303 “Aspects of Spanish Culture”
_____ Spanish 304 “Aspects of Latin American Culture”
_____ Spanish 420 “Topics in Latin American Film”
_____ Spanish 421 “20th-Century Spain through Film”

Area 4: Linguistics (one of the following courses)

_____ Spanish 318 “Spanish Phonetics and Phonology”
_____ Spanish 413 “Spanish in the US: A Sociolinguistic Perspective”
_____ Spanish 414 “Second Language Acquisition and Spanish”
_____ Spanish 415 “Bilingualism in the Spanish-Speaking World”
_____ Spanish 422 “Cultural History of the Spanish Language”

Area 5: Textual Analysis

_____ Spanish 305 “Introduction to Textual Analysis”

Area 6: Readings in Literature (one of the following courses)

_____ “Readings in Peninsular Literature”
_____ “Readings in Latin American Literature”

Area 7: Advanced pre-Modern Studies (one of the following courses)

_____ Spanish 400 “Topics in Medieval Spanish Literature”
_____ Spanish 401 “Topics in Golden Age Literature”
_____ Spanish 402 “Don Quixote”
_____ Spanish 409 “Topics in Colonial Spanish-American Literature”

Area 8: Advanced Modern Studies (one of the following courses)

_____ Spanish 403 “Topics in Modern Spanish Literature”
_____ Spanish 404 “Topics in 20th-Century Spanish Narrative”
_____ Spanish 405 “Topics in Modern Spanish-American Narrative”
_____ Spanish 406 “Topics in Modern Spanish Drama”
_____ Spanish 407 “Topics in Modern Peninsular and Latin American Poetry”
_____ Spanish 408 “Gabriel García Márquez”
_____ Spanish 410 “Literature of Exile, Immigration and Ethnicity”
_____ Spanish 411 “Latin American Literature of the 19th-Century”
_____ Spanish 416 “Body and Text: Representations of Gender in Modern Spanish Literature”
_____ Spanish 450 “Latinidades in Literature and Pop Culture”
_____ Spanish 461 “19th- and 20th-Century Women Writers of Spain”

Electives: (two courses from any of the areas above, or by approval of the chair)*

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