Spanish, BA

Program Description

The program in Spanish at Utah Tech allows students to immerse themselves in any Spanish-speaking culture. They will be able to use these necessary skills for research, translating and teaching not only the language, but also the literature and the culture of Spanish-speaking country. Traditionally, Spanish major students work as elementary or secondary education teachers. Lately, teaching has expanded to include Dual Language Immersion programs and magnet schools. For some students, a humanities degree in an entry step into graduate school. It is becoming increasingly common for Spanish majors to be accepted in graduate degree programs in law, social and health sciences after completing a degree in Spanish. Our students have multiple opportunities to use their knowledge throughout their program: Study abroad programs, interpreting opportunities at schools, and the Dental Hygiene program are some of the opportunities student have. Because of the interpersonal nature of languages and cultures, all of our courses focus on a communicative approach having our students practice real-life situations in meaningful context.

Program Curriculum

120 credits

Utah Tech General Education Requirements

All Utah Tech General Education requirements must be fulfilled. A previously earned degree may fulfill those requirements, but courses must be equivalent to Utah Tech's minimum General Education standards in American Institutions, English, and Mathematics.

General Education Core Requirements (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)

Code	Title	Hours
English		3-7
Mathematics		3-5
American Institutions		3-6
Life Sciences		3-10
Physical Sciences		3-5
Fine Arts		3
Literature/Humanities		3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		3

Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Arts: Foreign Language Requirement		**3-16**
Complete one of the following:		
- Complete 16 credits in a single foreign language, through earned credit (grade C or higher), credit by examination, or vertical credit from the courses listed on the GE Foreign Language Requirement page [1]		
- Complete a 2020 or higher foreign language course (grade C or higher)		
- Complete a 3060 foreign language course listed below (grade C or higher)		
- Receive 16 transfer credits for GEFL 1000 (8) and GEFL 2000 (8) in a single foreign language (grade C or higher)		
OR		
Complete a 1010 course listed below in a second foreign language (grade C or higher) AND one of the following:		
1. In a language not taught at Utah Tech, receive 12 FLATS exam credits for FLAT 1000 (8) and FLAT 2000 (4)		
or		
2. In a language not taught at Utah Tech, receive 12 transfer credits articulated as GEFL 1000 (8) and GEFL 2000 (4) (all grade C or higher)		
OR		
Available only to students who are nonnative English speakers, complete one of the following:		
- Complete 16 credits of ESL courses listed below (grade B or higher)		
- Complete ESL 2750 or ESL 2760 (grade B or higher).		

- Submit one of the following test scores required for unconditional Utah Tech admission: TOEFL (61 iBT, 173 CBT, or 500 PBT); or Michigan (70); or USU-IELE equivalent score. Other tests may be accepted for admission to Utah Tech but will not fulfill this requirement. Official scores must be submitted to the Registrar's Office.

Total Hours	**3-16**

[1] General Education Foreign Language Classes may be found on the General Education page. (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)

Introductory Information to Spanish Degree

Students can begin taking the required courses for the Spanish major in one of three ways:

1. By beginning with any of the lower division courses (SPAN 1010, 1020, 2010, or 2020), depending on a student's background. Students who begin with 1020, 2010, or 2020 may receive vertical credits for the lower classes, if needed, according to policy.

2. By beginning with SPAN 3010 for heritage Spanish speakers[1]. If needed, students can receive vertical credits for the classes skipped, according to policy (catalog.utahtech.edu/academicpoliciesandprocedures/#extrainstitutionalcredittext).

3. By beginning with SPAN 3060 for native speakers[1] or students who have lived in a Spanish speaking environment for 1.5 years or more. If needed, students can receive vertical credits for the classes skipped, according to policy.

The Bachelor of Arts foreign language requirement may be filled with any of these three options as soon as the student receives credit for either SPAN 2020 or SPAN 3060.

Placement in foreign language classes is at the discretion of the Department Chair.

Code	Title	Hours
Spanish Core Requirements [2]		
SPAN 3060	Advanced Spanish: Human Writing in the Tech Era	3
SPAN 3075	Intro to Spanish Linguistics	3
SPAN 3080	Spanish Pronunciation	3
SPAN 3390	Intro to Literature in Spanish: you can also be a writer.	3
SPAN 4550	Cultures of Spain	3
or SPAN 4560	Spanish American Culture	
SPAN 4610	Love and Treason in Medieval literature of Spain	3
or SPAN 4620	Modern Age and Contemporary Literature of Spain	
SPAN 4630	Colonial Spanish American Literature	3
or SPAN 4640	Contemporary Spanish American Lit.: Novel and Film	
SPAN 4800	Spanish Senior Capstone	3
Spanish Electives		
Complete 12 credits from the following: [2,3]		12
SPAN 3010	Spanish for Heritage Speakers	3
SPAN 3040	Intermediate Grammar and Oral Proficiency	4
SPAN 3070	Advanced Grammar, Culture and Composition II	3
SPAN 3090	Spanish for the Professions: [topic]	3
SPAN 3116	Pop Culture: Film, Media and Entertainment	3
SPAN 3117	Breaking Down Walls, Building Identities	3
SPAN 3118	Literature and Film: Contemporary Issues	3
SPAN 3400	Magical Realism	3
SPAN 3570	Contemporary Spanish Culture and Society Through Film	3
SPAN 3580	Contemporary Issues	3
SPAN 3950	Hispanics in US Service Learn	3
SPAN 3990	Seminar in Spanish: [topic]	1-3
SPAN 4000	Foundations of Dual Language Immersion Education	3
or EDUC 4700	Foundations of Dual Language Immersion Education	
SPAN 4100	Introduction to Translation	3
SPAN 4200	Introduction to Interpretation	3

SPAN 4300R	Spanish Internship	3
SPAN 4550	Cultures of Spain	3
SPAN 4560	Spanish American Culture	3
SPAN 4610	Love and Treason in Medieval literature of Spain	3
SPAN 4620	Modern Age and Contemporary Literature of Spain	3
SPAN 4625	Generation of '98	3
SPAN 4630	Colonial Spanish American Literature	3
SPAN 4640	Contemporary Spanish American Lit.: Novel and Film	3
SPAN 4700	Teaching Modern Languages	3
SPAN 4750	Independent Study	1-3

Notes:

[1]   You are a "heritage speaker" if the primary language spoken at home was Spanish and you graduated from a high school where the language of instruction was English.
  You are a "native speaker" if the primary language spoken at home was Spanish and you graduated from a high school where the language of instruction was Spanish.

[2]   If a student's native language is Spanish, SPAN 3010 cannot be counted towards requirements.

[3]   Each course can only be used once to fulfill program requirements

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete a minimum of 120 college-level credits (1000 and above).
2. Complete at least 40 upper-division credits (3000 and above).
3. Complete at least 30 upper-division credits at Utah Tech for institutional residency.
4. Cumulative GPA 2.0 or higher.
5. Grade C or higher in each Core Discipline and Emphasis course.

Spanish Sample Graduation Plans

- Students entering SPAN 1010 (p. 3)
- Heritage Spanish-speaking students (p. 5) (home language is Spanish, graduated from a high school where English was the language of instruction)
- Students entering SPAN 3060 (p. 6) (native Spanish-speaking students and those with a minimum of 1.5 years exposure)

Graduation Plan for students beginning with SPAN 1010

This graduation plan is designed for students who begin studying Spanish with no or very little background in the language. If a student has sufficient background to skip a class or even the beginning year, this plan will become easier. Students who will have the background to skip into a higher class will be those who have had multiple years of high school Spanish, including those who have taken AP Spanish. In these cases, speak with the department chair for placement advice.

The Spanish department encourages students who begin at this level to incorporate a study abroad experience into their educational experience. Placement in Spanish courses will vary based on an individual student's skill level.

1st Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
First Year Recommended Elective	2	ENGL 2010	3
SPAN 1010 (if needed based on placement)	4	SPAN 1020 (if needed based on placement)	4

	Hours		Hours		Hours
ENGL 1010	3	General Education (Fine Arts) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3		
General Education (Literature/Humanities) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3	General Education (Mathematics) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3		
General Elective (take MATH 1010 if needed)	3	General Education (American Institutions) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3		
	15		**16**		

2nd Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours	Summer Semester	Hours
SPAN 2010 (if needed based on placement)	4	SPAN 2020 (if needed based on placement)	4	Recommended Summer Study Abroad	
General Education (Life Sciences) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3	General Education (Physical Sciences) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3	SPAN 3040	4
General Education (Social & Behavioral Sciences) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3	General Elective	3		
General Elective	3	General Elective	3		
General Elective	3				
	16		**13**		**4**

3rd Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
SPAN 3060	3	SPAN 3070	3
Upper Division Elective	3	SPAN 3390	3
Upper Division Elective	3	SPAN 4550 or 4560	3
General Elective	3	SPAN upper-division elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
	15		**15**

4th Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
SPAN 3075	3	SPAN 4620 or 4640	3
SPAN 4610 or 4630	3	SPAN 4800	3
SPAN upper-division elective	3	SPAN upper-division elective	3
SPAN upper-division elective	3	General Elective	3

General Elective	1	
12	**13**	

Total Hours 119

Graduation Plan for students whose first Spanish class is 3010

This graduation plan is designed for heritage Spanish-speaking students. These are students whose home language is Spanish but who attended and graduated from high schools in which English was the language of instruction. Placement in Spanish courses will vary based on an individual student's skill level.

In this graduation plan, there is room for students to take 33 elective credits. This allows students opportunity to get a minor or even a second major in another field that will greatly improve future career opportunities.

1st Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
First Year Recommended Elective	2	SPAN 3060	3
SPAN 3010	3	ENGL 2010	3
ENGL 1010	3	General Education (Mathematics) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3
General Education (Literature/Humanities) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3	General Education (American Institutions) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3
General Elective (MATH 1010 if needed)	3	General Elective	4
	14		**16**

2nd Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
SPAN 3075	3	SPAN 3070	3
SPAN 3390	3	SPAN 4550 or 4560	3
General Education (Fine Arts) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3	General Education (Social & Behavioral Sciences) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3
General Education (Life Sciences) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3	General Elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
	15		**15**

3rd Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
SPAN 4610 or 4630	3	SPAN 4640 or 4620	3
General Education (Physical Sciences) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3	SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3
SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3	General Elective	3
General Elective	3	Upper Division Elective[*]	3
General Elective	2	General Elective[*]	3
	14		**15**

4th Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3	SPAN 4800	3
Upper-Division Elective[*]	3	General Elective	3
General Elective[*]	3	General Elective	3
General Elective[*]	3	General Elective	3
General Elective[*]	3	General Elective	3
	15		**15**

Total Hours 119

[*]   Consider minor coursework in another field to improve career opportunities.

Graduation Plan for students whose first Spanish class is 3060

This graduation plan is specifically designed for native speakers whose language of education was Spanish or students who have a minimum of 1.5 years immersed exposure to Spanish and who will begin their studies with SPAN 3060. Placement in Spanish courses will vary based on an individual student's skill level. Questions should be directed to the department chair or the Spanish advisor.

In this graduation plan, there is room for students to take 33 elective credits. This allows students opportunity to get a minor or even a second major in another field that will greatly improve future career opportunities.

1st Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
First Year Recommended Elective	2	ENGL 2010	3
ENGL 1010	3	General Education (Mathematics) (catalog.utahtech.edu/ programs/generaleducation/ #gerequirementstext)	3
General Education (Literature/ Humanities) (catalog.utahtech.edu/ programs/generaleducation/ #gerequirementstext)	3	General Education (American Institutions) (catalog.utahtech.edu/ programs/generaleducation/ #gerequirementstext)	3
SPAN 3060	3	SPAN 3070	3
General Elective (MATH 1010 if needed)	3	General Elective	3
	14		**15**

2nd Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
SPAN 3075	3	SPAN 4620 or 4640	3
SPAN 3390	3	SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3
SPAN 4550 or 4560	3	General Education (Social & Behavioral Sciences) (catalog.utahtech.edu/ programs/generaleducation/ #gerequirementstext)	3
General Education (Life Sciences) (catalog.utahtech.edu/ programs/generaleducation/ #gerequirementstext)	3	General Elective	3
General Education (Fine Arts) (catalog.utahtech.edu/ programs/generaleducation/ #gerequirementstext)	3	General Elective	3
	15		**15**

3rd Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
SPAN 4610 or 4630	3	SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3
General Education (Physical Sciences) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3	SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3
SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3	Upper Division Elective[*]	3
General Elective	3	General Elective[*]	3
General Elective	3	General Elective[*]	3
	15		**15**

4th Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
Upper Division Elective[*]	3	SPAN 4800	3
General Elective[*]	3	General Elective	3
General Elective[*]	3	General Elective[*]	3
General Elective[*]	3	General Elective	3
General Elective[*]	3	General Elective[*]	3
	15		**15**

Total Hours 119

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BA Spanish Program Learning Outcomes

At the successful conclusion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Communicate in the presentational, interpersonal and interpretive modes at the advanced low level according to American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.
2. Express themselves in the presentational, interpersonal and interpretive written modes of communication at the Advanced Mid-level according to American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.
3. Analyze the relationship between the products, practices and perspectives of the Spanish culture.
4. Demonstrate analytic, interpretive and critical thinking skills with respect to texts from Latin America, and Spain.