



FACULTY OF ARTS

## SPANISH STUDIES

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**Knowing Spanish gives you a competitive edge in international business, trade and law, tourism, immigration, community development, journalism, translation and teaching.**

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In the world today, there are more than 400 million Spanish language speakers, outnumbering any other language group except Mandarin. It is the second language in international communication, after English. There are also around 60 million speakers of Spanish as a second language and around 20 million students learning it as a foreign language.

In Spanish Studies, you will learn the language, as well as gain the cultural awareness and understanding needed in today's global community. Our program offers a variety of relevant, up-to-date courses. You will discuss current events, issues and trends in the contemporary Hispanic world, explore the social and political history of Latin America through its short stories, translate newspaper articles and other texts, learn about the customs and traditions of the Spanish speaking world, or read Don Quijote - the first modern novel of Western literature.

This program leads to a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year)** with a Major in Spanish Studies.

Students taking an undergraduate degree in another Major may choose to add a **Minor** in Spanish Studies as a secondary area of interest. The Department also participates in the Interdepartmental Minor in Comparative Literature.

### SAMPLE CAREERS

As the number of Spanish speakers continues to increase, so too career opportunities for Spanish speakers will increase in international business, trade and law, tourism, immigration and the foreign service, global, national and community development with both governmental and non-governmental organizations as well as journalism, translation and teaching. In all of these fields, learning Spanish gives you a competitive edge.

### SAMPLE COURSES

**Introductory Spanish** is for students with little or no previous knowledge of Spanish and who wish to acquire a solid base in the written and spoken language. With equal emphasis on reading, writing, aural comprehension, and oral expression, one hour of language laboratory/small-group work supplements classroom work each week.

**Intermediate Spanish** enables students to increase their proficiency in: reading, writing, aural comprehension, and oral expression. Students review and build on grammar essentials, discuss readings and related topics of current interest, write compositions, and practice the spoken language. One-hour of language laboratory / small-group work provides additional practice each week.

**Introduction to Hispanic Cinema** traces the evolution of Spanish and Latin American cinema. The development of the Hispanic cinematic canon is explored through the critical analysis of representative films. Attention is paid to the sociocultural and political context of the films presented.

### **MORE SAMPLE COURSES**

- English-Spanish Translation
- Spanish-English Translation (taught in Spanish)
- Introduction to Hispanic Literature
- Classics of Spanish Literature (taught in English)
- Spanish Literature of the Golden Age
- History of the Spanish Language

### **SAMPLE FIRST YEAR**

**SPAN-1001(6) Introductory Spanish OR SPAN-2001(6) Intermediate Spanish OR SPAN-2109(3) Advanced Intermediate Spanish**, depending on your background – Please consult the Academic Calendar and/or contact the Modern Languages department for guidance in determining an appropriate placement.

**Plus:**

**RHET-1101(3) Academic Writing: Humanities** or any other section of Academic Writing (if required)  
21-27 credit hours Electives, depending on interests

***NOTE:** This sample first year is representative of the courses you may take. For many of our programs, you may choose another set of courses and still be well on your way to a degree. Also, for most programs you do not have to take 30 credit hours (five full courses) in your first year.*

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***In my Spanish courses, we've covered a wide range of topics and I've been able to increase my vocabulary, improve my grammar, formulate translation skills, and expand my knowledge of Latin American/Hispanic culture and history. I absolutely loved the class "The Hispanic American Short Story" and thoroughly enjoy the translation classes as well. I think this is an excellent program and I hope it continues to grow.***

-Melanie Brandow, Arts student, major in Spanish Studies

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### **REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES**

You must meet The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements. No specific courses required.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

For details on application requirements and deadlines, and to apply online, please visit: [uwinnipeg.ca/apply](http://uwinnipeg.ca/apply)

For more information contact a student recruitment officer at [welcome@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:welcome@uwinnipeg.ca) or 204.786.9844. In any case where the University's Academic Calendar and this fact sheet differ, the current Calendar takes precedence.

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