

## The Department of Modern Languages The Major in Hispanic Studies

### Faculty Advisor

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### Required Units: 93

### Prerequisites

Intermediate-level proficiency in Spanish. This is equivalent to the completion of four courses (two at the 100-level and two at the 200-level) or exemption based on Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or CMU internal placement test scores. In all cases, progress toward the major will be accelerated by study abroad, which is strongly recommended for all majors. (Study abroad advisor - Therese Tardio, [tardio@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:tardio@andrew.cmu.edu))

*\*Students may double count four courses taken for the Hispanic Studies major that is also being used to fulfill the requirements of other majors, minors, and programs. This does not include double-counting with General Education requirements.*

### 1. Core Courses in Hispanic Studies

**27 units**

Complete two courses.

(18 units)

82-342 Spain: Language and Culture

82-343 Latin America: Language and Culture

82-344 U.S. Latinos: Language and Culture

Complete required course.

(9 units)

82-345 Introduction to Hispanic Literary and Cultural Studies

### 2. Core Courses in Modern Languages

**12 units**

One 9-unit course in Modern Languages is required, plus the senior seminar (3 units) in spring of the senior year.

82-280 Bilingual & Bicultural Experiences in the US

82-281 Tutoring for Community Outreach

82-282 Community Service Learning

82-283 Language Diversity and Cultural Identity

82-358 Literacies Across Language and Culture

82-383 Second Language Acquisition: Theories and Research

82-388 Understanding Second Language Fluency

82-480 Social and Cognitive Aspects of Bilingualism

82-580 Senior Seminar (3 units)

N.B. In consultation with the major advisor, students may substitute a Modern Languages course elective with one related to language analysis, language learning, or the acquisition of language and culture from the listings in Hispanic Studies or from another department. Examples: 80-180 Nature of Language, 85-421 Language and Thought.

### 3. Hispanic Studies and Interdisciplinary Electives

54 units

After consultation with the major advisor, complete six courses (54 units) from List A or five courses (45 units) from List A and one (9 units) from List B.

#### List A. Hispanic Studies Electives

- 82-441\*      Studies in Peninsular Literature and Culture  
Past Topics:      Panoramic Bodies: A Dissection of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Peninsular Texts  
                         Terror of Tolerance: Muslims, Jews, and Christians in Imperial Spain  
                         Family Life and Strife in 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Spain
- 82-442      Analysis of Spoken Spanish
- 82-443      Spanish Reading and Translation Workshop
- 82-444      The Structure of Spanish
- 82-445      U.S. Latino Literature
- 82-451\*      Studies in Latin American Literature and Culture  
Past Topics:      Cuba: Past, Present, Future  
                         Central America Today: Out of Revolution
- 82-455/456\*      Topics in Hispanic Studies  
Past Topics:      Latin American Monsters  
                         Radio Bemba & Beyond  
                         Pueblos y protestas: movimientos sociales en la América Latina  
                         Cinema and Social Change in Latin America  
                         Cultures of the Hispano-Jewish Diaspora
- 82-505      Undergraduate Internship
- 82-541/542\*      Special Topics: Hispanic Studies
- \*Students may repeat these courses with new topics.

#### List B. Interdisciplinary Electives

From possibilities such as but not limited to the following. Students should consult OLR and their major advisor for the most up to date interdisciplinary electives appropriate for the Hispanic Studies curriculum. Courses may be suggested to the major advisor for approval as a substitute. Note that not all courses are offered each semester.

#### Architecture

- 48-348      Architectural History of Mexico and Guatemala

#### English

- 76-385      Introduction to Discourse Analysis
- 76-386      Language & Culture
- 76-387      Narrative & Argument
- 76-484      Discourse Analysis

#### History

- 79-220      Caribbean: Cultures and Histories
- 79-221      Development and Democracy in Latin America
- 79-222      Between Revolutions: The Development of Modern Latin America
- 79-223      Mexico: from the Aztec Empire to the Drug Wars
- 79-224      Mayan America
- 79-235      Caribbean Cultures
- 79-237      Comparative Slavery
- 79-254      The Jewish Diaspora in Latin America
- 79-272      Iberian Encounters: Muslims, Christians and Jews in Spain
- 79-278      Rights to Representation: Indigenous People and their Media
- 79-288      Bananas, Baseball, and Borders: Latin American and the United States
- 79-295      Race Relations in the Atlantic World

79-296	Perspectives on Social Protest
79-376	Beyond the Border

### **Modern Languages**

82-280	Learning about Language Learning
82-281	Tutoring for Community Outreach
82-282	Community Service Learning
82-283	Language Diversity and Cultural Identity
82-358	Literacies Across Language and Culture
82-383	Second Language Acquisition: Theories and Research
82-388	Understanding Second Language Fluency
82-480	Social and Cognitive Aspects of Bilingualism

### **Music**

57-306	World Music
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### **Philosophy**

80-180	Nature of Language
80-280	Linguistic Analysis
80-283	It Matters How You Say It
80-285	Natural Language Syntax
80-286	Words and Word Formation: Introduction to Morphology
80-380	Philosophy of Language
80-381	Meaning in Language

### **Psychology**

85-375	Cross Cultural Psychology
85-421	Language and Thought

### **Social and Decision Sciences**

88-205	Comparative Politics
88-326	Theories of International Relations

### **4. Oral Proficiency Interview**

Complete an oral proficiency interview. This interview should take place by the end of the first semester of the senior year; students may also take it by the end of the junior year. Students are permitted to retake the test.

### **Study Abroad**

A semester or year of study abroad is strongly recommended. Consult with your advisor and the Office of International Education (OIE) about possible options.

### **Senior Honors Thesis**

In addition, majors are encouraged to undertake a Senior Honors Thesis (82-591/592 Modern Languages Honors Thesis or 66-501/502 H&SS Senior Honors Thesis I, II). The Honors thesis program provides qualified seniors with a valuable opportunity to synthesize their academic and personal experiences and interests accumulated during their college years here and elsewhere (Prerequisite: a 3.5 QPA in Hispanic Studies and a 3.25 QPA overall).

### Sample Curriculum - Hispanic Studies (B.A.)

Junior Year		Senior Year	
Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Spain Language and Culture 38-342	Introduction to Hispanic Literary & Cultural 82-345	Hispanic Studies Elective from List A	Hispanic Studies Elective from List A
Latin America or US Latinos Language and Culture 82-343/82-344	Interdisciplinary Elective from List B	Hispanic Studies Elective from List A	Hispanic Studies Elective from List A
ML core course or equivalent approved by advisor	Elective	Hispanic Studies or Interdisciplinary Elective from List A or List B	Senior Seminar 82-580
Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective
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This is presented as a two-year (junior-senior) plan for completing the major requirements. It is intended to show that this program can be completed in as few as two years, not that it must be. Students may enter their major and begin major course requirements as early as the start of the sophomore year, and in some instances in the first year. Students should consult their advisor when planning their program.

This plan is also an example of the suggested sequence of study for students who have had little or no prior exposure to the language. Such students would need to satisfy the prerequisites (elementary and intermediate language study) during their freshman and sophomore years.