

The Department of Modern Languages

The Major in Hispanic Studies

Faculty Advisor

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Required Units: 93

Students may double count a maximum of one course taken for the Hispanic Studies major that is also being used to fulfill the requirements of other majors, minors, and programs.

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)

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 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
- 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 20th Century Peninsular Texts
 - Terror of Tolerance: Muslims, Jews, and Christians in Imperial Spain
 - Family Life and Strife in 20th and 21st 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

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Music

57-306 World Music

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.