

Revision to the Spanish Minor

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Dear Ila and ASC Committee Members:

The Department of Spanish and Portuguese wants to revise its existing Spanish Minor. For some background, the Spanish Minor (n = 540+) is highly pursued by undergraduate students in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Nursing, Education and Human Ecology, and the School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences. However, as currently designed, the minor favors a Literatures and Cultures pathway. Our revision proposes an additional pathway that would allow students interested in Hispanic Linguistics to achieve the Spanish Minor without completing additional courses above and beyond the current minimum minor requirement of 15 credit hours of 3000+ level courses.

The existing minor design has the following course requirements: Spanish 3401 > 3403/3413 > 3450/H at the orientation level as pre-requisites to the 4000+ level courses in Literatures and Cultures concentrations, for completion. However, students interested in Hispanic Linguistics would have to fulfill the above orientation requirements plus Span 3404 and 4430/H before being able to take any 4000-level courses in Hispanic Linguistics (the minor requires 2 courses beyond the orientation courses). As such, under the currently designed Spanish Minor, if students desire to take 4000+ level courses in Hispanic Linguistics, but would only like to achieve a Spanish Minor, they must take 18+ credit hours (e.g. Spanish 3401 > 3403/3413 > 3450/H > 3404 > 4430/H > 4536). This has created an imbalance between the depth and breadth students can achieve within the Spanish minor, and the Hispanic Linguistics 4000+ level concentration courses stand at a disadvantage in both offerings and enrollment in the Department.

This revision proposes 2 pathways to completion of the Spanish Minor (15 credit hours):

- 1) Maintain the current requirement: Spanish 3401 + 3403 > 3450/H + 2 L&C courses at the 4000+ level.
- 2) Add the Hispanic Linguistics Pathway: Spanish 3401 + 3404 > 4430/H + 2 HL courses at the 4000+ level.

Notes:

- Spanish 3406 and 4606 have been removed from the Literatures & Cultures Pathway of the Spanish Minor, as they comprise two core courses of the Spanish Minor for Business (Spanish 2506 + 3401 + 3403 + 3406 + 4606).
- By removing 3404 and 3406 from the Electives section in each pathway, all courses are at the 4000+ level, therefore, students would be required to take two 4000+ level courses beyond the orientation or pre-requisite courses.

Curricular Requirements for new HL Pathway: 15cr hours as follows

- See: ASC Spanish Minor Advising Sheet, 1) marked up and 2) original

List of regularly offered courses that will be utilized as HL pathway requirements for the Spanish Minor:

All courses listed as requirements or electives for the proposed HL Minor are currently offered by SPPO. The following courses are required for the proposed HL Pathway for the Spanish Minor:

1. Spanish 3401 Advanced Grammar (Pre-req: Spanish 2202/2213)
2. Spanish 3404 Spanish Phonetics (Pre-req: Spanish 2202/2213)
3. Spanish 4430/H Intro to Spanish Linguistics (Pre-req: Spanish 3401 and 3404)

The following courses have been identified as electives for the proposed HL Minor pathway:

4. Portuguese 5611 The Portuguese Language (Portuguese 3401, or Portuguese 5502 and Grad standing pre-req)
5. Spanish 4532 Modern Spanish Syntax (Spanish 4430/H pre-req)
6. Spanish 4534/E Spanish Phonology (Spanish 4430/H pre-req)
7. Spanish 4536 Language Change in Spanish (Spanish 4430/H pre-req)
8. Spanish 4537 Spanish Psycholinguistics (Spanish 4430/H pre-req)
9. Spanish 4538 Language Variation in Spanish (Spanish 4430/H pre-req)
10. Spanish 4610 Contrastive Structures of Spanish & English (Spanish 4430/H pre-req)
11. Spanish 4689S Translation and Interpreting in the Latino Community (Spanish 4430/H pre-req)
12. Spanish 5389 US Latino Languages and Communities (Spanish 5201 or Spanish 4430/H pre-req)
 - a. Note that this is the only course designed to fit in both, as the pre-requisites fall in both pathways, making it possible to complete the Minor within the 15 credit hour design:
 - i. L&C Pathway: Spanish 3401 > 3403 > 3450/H + 5201 + 5389
 - ii. HL Pathway: Spanish 3401 > 3404 > 4430/H + 5389 + 1 additional listed course.

Curriculum Map & Example HL Minor Trajectory

Design of this trajectory assumes an initial placement of Spanish 1103/1113. Students wishing to declare the HL Minor may test lower or higher, choose to complete listed courses during a global study program, or take summer courses on campus or at another institution to complete this minor program:

AU-YR1: Spanish 1103/1113

SP-YR1: Spanish 2202/2213

AU-YR2: Spanish 3404

SP-YR2: Spanish 3401

AU-YR3: Spanish 4430/H

SP-YR3: 4000+ Elective course

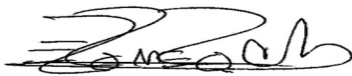
AU-YR4: 4000+ Elective course

SP-YR4: n/a

Transition Plan: Students entering OSU on or after Au26 (1268) will follow the new 2-Pathway Minor program.

Students entering prior to this term are welcome to stay under the previous minor, or choose to declare / switch to the 2-pathway Minor model.

Sincerely,



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The Spanish minor consists of a minimum of 15 credit hours in one of two pathways: in the study of Iberian, Latinx or Latin American Literatures, Cultures ([Pathway 1](#)), or Hispanic Linguistics ([Pathway 2](#)). The language of instruction in all Spanish classes leading to the minor will be in Spanish. Students choosing to minor in Spanish are encouraged to take advantage of study abroad opportunities offered in cooperation with The Office of International Affairs (OIA).

Language Prerequisites (0-4 courses, 0-15 CH)

To complete the required minor coursework at the 3000 level and above (see required courses below), students must first demonstrate intermediate proficiency through Spanish 2202 or 2213. This proficiency can be demonstrated by:

- The Seal of Biliteracy
- Placement testing
- Credit by examination (AP/IB etc.)
- Course enrollment/completion
- A combination of testing and coursework

The beginning/intermediate course sequences for Spanish are as follows:

SPANISH 1101 > 1102 > 1103 or 1113 > 2202 or 2213

-OR-

SPANISH 1155 > 1103 or 1113 > 2202 or 2213

Pathway 1:

Required courses (3 courses, 9 CH)

SPANISH 3401

SPANISH 3403 **or** 3413

SPANISH 3450(H)

Elective courses (2 courses, 6 CH)

Students choose two of the following courses, ~~with at least one course at the 4000+ level:~~

SPANISH ~~3404, 3406, 4430(H), 4532, 4534(E), 4536, 4537, 4538,~~ 4542, 4551(E), 4552(H), 4555(E), 4556, 4557.10, 4557.20, 4558, 4560(H), 4561(H), 4564, 4565H, 4567(H), 4568, 4570, 4580, 4581, 4595.02, 4595.03, ~~4606, 4610, 4689S, 5104,~~ 5191, 5201, 5202, 5203, ~~5389, 5389,~~ 5620, 5689S.

Pathway 2:

Required courses (3 courses, 9 CH)

SPANISH 3401

SPANISH 3404

SPANISH 4430(H)

Elective courses (2 courses, 6 CH)

Students choose two of the following courses:

SPANISH 4532, 4534(E), 4536, 4537, 4538, 4595.01, 4610, 4689S, 5389, PORTUGUESE 5611

With approval of the Department, the following courses may also count toward Minor requirements:

Spanish 4193, 4194, 4998(H), 4999(H), 5797

Spanish minor program guidelines:

Credit hours required: A minimum of 15 credit hours. 1000-level courses shall not count in the minor. At least 6 CH must be upper-level courses as defined by the College of Arts and Sciences

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed:

A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination toward the minor.

Overlap with the GE: A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s):

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required:

- Minimum C- for a course to be counted on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all minor coursework
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of course work graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 credits: No more than 3 credit hours.

Declaring the minor

Students should see their assigned academic advisor to declare the minor prior to the filing of the graduation application. Students do not need the approval of the Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese to declare the minor.

Approval of Coursework

Initial approval of the minor coursework:

Students who complete the minor following the guidelines on this sheet need only verify with their academic advisor that the minor appears complete on the degree auditing system. No approval from the Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese is required.

Approval for courses not listed on this form to apply to the minor program:

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Commented [RS1]: This is a new course cross-listed with the CLLC that was recently SPPO-approved for the Spanish Minor and Honors Minor elective options, pre-req = 3403/3413.

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Students must obtain the approval of the Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese to apply courses not listed on this form toward the Spanish minor. Please email spanport@osu.edu to request approval.

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