

# SPANISH

## Spanish Major

Students majoring in Spanish must take a minimum of 9 courses above SPAN 213 - Communication Skills. Required courses are:

- SPAN 215 - Writing Workshop,
- SPAN 220 - Introduction to Hispanic Literature,
- SPAN 230 - Introduction to Hispanic Cultures.
- In addition, students must take 3 elective courses at the 300-level and 3 elective courses at the 400-level. *One of these courses may be taken in English. Normally, this course is taught within the Spanish program, but a course outside of the Spanish program whose focus is the Hispanic cultural archive may be approved by the Spanish faculty upon student or faculty request.*

All students who wish to engage in Senior Research projects are expected to submit a petition to the department during their junior year (before a study abroad experience is undertaken). Students who declare a Spanish major should choose an advisor in the program to guide them through their educational career.

## Spanish Minor

The minor in Spanish consists of at least five courses above the 213-level, including three required courses at the 200-level and two electives at the 300 or 400-level. *One of these courses may be taken in English. Normally, this course is taught within the Spanish program, but a course outside of the Spanish program whose focus is the Hispanic cultural archive may be approved by the Spanish faculty upon student or faculty request.* The following courses are required: SPAN 215 - Writing Workshop, SPAN 220 - Introduction to Hispanic Literature and SPAN 230 - Introduction to Hispanic Cultures.

## Additional Points of Interest

### The Language Lab

An important asset of the department is the Language Lab with its 27 Macs, zone-free Blu-ray player and document camera. It also has a VIA Connect PRO, which is a wireless collaboration and presentation solution that makes sharing and presenting easier for all computers in the room. The lab provides support for learning activities outside and inside the classroom, ranging from grammar drills to research and collaborative writing projects, as well as discussions of authenticated materials published on the Internet. The area is designed not only for individualized instruction but also for group work and small seminars using a variety of digital materials for class discussion.

### Cultural Enrichment

Each semester the department offers students exceptional opportunities for cultural enrichment in language study. These opportunities include, for example, off-campus trips to target-culture plays, movies and performances, as well as campus visits by native scholars and performers. In that way, experiences in target cultures become more readily available to our students. These opportunities are made possible through a most generous endowment bestowed on the Department of Modern Languages by the Patty Foresman Fund. The department maintains a Modern Languages Facebook page where Denison community members can view upcoming events.

## The Foresman Lounge

Located in the central hub of the department, the lounge provides the Denison community with a space for a wide range of activities such as receptions, classes, and informal gatherings. This area has a kitchenette with a table and chairs for sharing lunch or a coffee with our faculty as well as mobile soft seating for easy reconfiguration of the space. It is also equipped with a wide range of technological devices to enrich our students' learning experiences. This room has a 52-inch flat screen TV connected to a webcam, zone-free Blu-ray player and a document camera. The lounge also has a ceiling-mounted laser projector that connects to a networked Mac computer, the Blu-ray player and a VIA for wireless connection to the data projector.

## General Departmental Regulations

Students who plan to major in the department are advised to begin course work in the first year. Those who want to fulfill the basic requirement in language by continuing one begun in secondary school will find it advantageous to begin their course work in the first year. The Department of Modern Languages strongly recommends that students complete their language requirement by the end of their sophomore year.

## Study Abroad

Spanish major and minor students are highly encouraged to study in a Spanish-speaking country through an approved academic program. Courses must be approved by the departmental coordinator before going abroad in order to be considered for Spanish credit. The Spanish section will not evaluate a study-abroad course for transfer without evidence (syllabus, course description, reading list, etc.) of the content of the course. To receive Spanish language credit, study abroad courses must be pursued in Spanish, be content based, and be similar in quality and content to a Spanish course at Denison. Students are encouraged to take courses that enrich the Denison curriculum; neither technical courses nor orientation sessions can receive academic credit. Summer programs: Students may study in an approved summer program that is at least 6 weeks long and 45 hours, minimum. One course will transfer towards a major/minor from summer study.