SPANISH LANGUAGE (SPAN)

SPAN 110 Elementary Spanish I
Spanish 110 is a first-semester elementary language course designed for students who have not previously studied Spanish or who have had very little exposure to the language. This course emphasizes the development of foundational reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills while exploring the rich cultural mosaic of the Spanish-speaking world. Students will participate in pair, small-group and whole-class activities that focus on meaningful and accurate communication skills in the target language. Students who have previously studied Spanish but have not taken the SAT II exam must take the online placement examination.
For BA Students: Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisite: A score below 380 on the SAT II or below 285 on the online placement examination
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 112 Elementary Spanish I and II: Accelerated
Spanish 112 is an intensive course designed for students who have already satisfied the language requirement in another language and have not previously studied Spanish. By combining the curriculum of Spanish 110 and 120, Spanish 112 seeks to develop students' reading, writing, listening and speaking abilities while exploring the rich cultural mosaic of the Spanish-speaking world. Students will participate in pair, small-group and whole-class activities that focus on meaningful and accurate communication skills in the target language.
For BA Students: Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisite: Permit required from the course coordinator
Activity: Seminar
2 Course Units

SPAN 115 Spanish for the Medical Professions, Elementary I
Spanish 115 is a first-semester elementary medical Spanish language course and the first in the Spanish for the Medical Professions sequence. It is designed for students with no prior coursework in Spanish. This course teaches beginning students the fundamentals of practical Spanish with an emphasis on medical situations and basic medical terminology. In this course, particular attention will be given to developing speaking and listening skills, as well as cultural awareness. It incorporates activities, vocabulary, and readings of particular interest to healthcare practitioners, while adhering to the goals and scope of Spanish 110, the first-semester Spanish language course. Students who have previously studied Spanish but have not taken the SAT II exam must take the online placement examination.
For BA Students: Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisites: A score below 380 on the SAT II or below 285 on the online placement examination.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through the Penn Language Center.

SPAN 120 Elementary Spanish II
The continuation of Spanish 110, Spanish 120 is a second-semester elementary language course. See the description of Spanish 110.
For BA Students: Language Course
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisites: Successful completion of Spanish 110 or 115 or permission of the course coordinator
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 121 Elementary Spanish I and II: Advanced Beginners
Spanish 121 is designed for students who have some prior experience in Spanish. This course provides a quick-paced review of material normally covered in a first-semester Spanish course and then proceeds to introduce new material so students will be prepared to take Spanish 130 during the subsequent semester. As other Spanish courses, Spanish 121 emphasizes the development of foundational reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills while exploring the rich cultural mosaic of the Spanish-speaking world. Students will participate in pair, small-group and whole-class activities that focus on meaningful and accurate communication skills in the target language.
For BA Students: Language Course
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisite: A score of 380-440 on the SAT II or 285-383 on the online placement examination
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 125 Spanish for the Medical Professions, Elementary II
The continuation of Spanish 115, Spanish 125 is a second-semester elementary medical Spanish language course. See the description of Spanish 115.
For BA Students: Language Course
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisites: Successful completion of Spanish 110 or 115 or a score of 380-440 on the SAT II or 285-383 on the online placement examination.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through the Penn Language Center.

SPAN 130 Intermediate Spanish I
Spanish 130 is a first-semester intermediate-level language course that emphasizes the development of the four basic skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking skills) within a culturally based context. Class time will focus on communicative activities that combine grammatical concepts, relevant vocabulary, and cultural themes. Students will participate in pair, small-group and whole-class activities to practice linguistics skills in meaningful contexts. Major course goals include: the acquisition of intermediate-level vocabulary, the controlled use of the past tense, and the development of writing skills at a paragraph level with transitions.
For BA Students: Language Course
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisites: Successful completion of Spanish 112, 120, 121 or 125 or a score of 450-540 on the SAT II or 384-453 on the online placement examination.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit
SPAN 134 Intermediate Spanish I and II: Accelerated
Spanish 134 is an intensive intermediate-level language course that covers the material presented in Spanish 130 and Spanish 140. The course emphasizes the development of the four canonical skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) within a culturally based context. Class time will focus on communicative activities that combine grammatical concepts, relevant vocabulary, and cultural themes. Students will participate in pair, small-group and whole-class activities to practice linguistics skills in a meaningful context. Major course goals include: the acquisition of intermediate-level vocabulary, the controlled use of the past tense and major uses of the subjunctive, and the development of writing skills. During the spring semester, Spanish 134 is limited to those students who have satisfied the language requirement in another language. During the summer, the course is open to all students who meet placement requirements.

For BA Students: Last Language Course

Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisites: Spring semester prerequisites: Permit required from the course coordinator. Summer prerequisites: Successful completion of Spanish 112, 120, 121 or 125 or a score of 450-540 on the SAT II or 384-453 on the online placement examination.
Activity: Seminar
2 Course Units

SPAN 135 Spanish for the Medical Professions, Intermediate I
Spanish 135 is a first-semester intermediate-level medical Spanish language course that emphasizes the development of the four basic skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking), and the acquisition of medical terminology. Students will be expected to participate in classroom activities such as role-plays based on typical office and emergency procedures in order to develop meaningful and accurate communication skills in the target language. Students will also review and acquire forms and structures useful both inside and outside the medical field.

For BA Students: Language Course

Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisites: Successful completion of Spanish 112, 120, 121 or 125 or a score of 450-540 on the SAT II or 384-453 on the online placement examination.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through the Penn Language Center.

SPAN 140 Intermediate Spanish II
Spanish 140, the continuation of Spanish 130, is a fourth-semester language course that offers students the opportunity to acquire communicative skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) while developing their awareness and appreciation of the Spanish-speaking world. Topics studied may include the environment, the arts, social relations, and conflict and violence. This course satisfies the language requirement in Spanish.

For BA Students: Last Language Course

One-term course offered either term
Prerequisites: Successful completion of Spanish 130 or 135 or a score of 550-640 on the SAT II or 454-546 on the online placement examination.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 145 Spanish for the Medical Professions, Intermediate II
The continuation of Spanish 135, Spanish 145 is a second-semester intermediate-level medical Spanish language course. See the description of Spanish 135. This course satisfies the language requirement in Spanish.

For BA Students: Last Language Course

One-term course offered either term
Prerequisites: Successful completion of Spanish 130 or 135 or a score of 550-640 on the SAT II or 454-546 on the online placement examination.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through the Penn Language Center.

SPAN 180 Spanish Conversation
Must be a resident of the Modern Language College House.
Two terms. student must enter first term.
Prerequisite: Residence in Modern Language House
Activity: Seminar
0.5 Course Units

SPAN 201 Study Abroad
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 202 Advanced Spanish
The purpose of this course is twofold: (a) to develop students’ communicative abilities in Spanish, that is, speaking, listening, reading and writing, and (b) to increase their awareness and understanding of Hispanic cultures and societies. Homework and classroom activities are designed to help students build their oral proficiency, expand and perfect their knowledge of vocabulary and grammatical structures, improve their reading and writing skills, and develop their critical thinking abilities. The material for this class includes short stories, newspaper articles, poems, songs, cartoons, video clips and a novel, such as Sergio Bizio’s Rabia. At the completion of this course, students will feel confident discussing and debating a variety of contemporary issues (cultural and religious practices, family relationships, gender stereotypes, political events, immigration to the USA, etc.).

For BA Students: Advanced Language Course

One-term course offered either term
Prerequisite: Successful completion of Spanish 140 or equivalent
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 208 Business Spanish I
Spanish for Business I provides advanced-level language students with technical vocabulary and communicative skills covering business concepts as they apply to the corporate dynamics of the Spanish-speaking world, with a special emphasis on Latin America. Through readings, presentations, discussions, and video materials, we shall analyze those cultural aspects that characterize the business environment in the region as well as focus on economies and markets in light of their history, politics, resources and pressing international concerns.

For BA Students: Advanced Language Course

One-term course offered either term
Prerequisite: Successful completion of Spanish 140 or equivalent
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit
SPAN 209 Business Spanish II
Business Spanish II, Advanced Spanish for Business, is specifically designed for advanced speakers of Spanish (e.g., native speakers, heritage speakers, students who have studied in a Spanish-speaking country for at least one semester, and those who have attained an equivalent level of linguistic competency). Students will take an in-depth look at the corporate dynamics of a number of countries in Latin America, focusing on their economies and markets, as well as on the cultural and business protocols of each region. Through the creation of an entrepreneurial project and the writing of a business plan, students will enhance their business and language skills.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisite: Permission from the instructor
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 212 Advanced Spanish II: Grammar and Composition
Spanish 212 is an advanced-level language course that emphasizes the acquisition of the tools necessary for successful written expression in Spanish. These tools include a solid knowledge of the major points of Spanish grammar, an ample vocabulary, control of the mechanics of the language (spelling, punctuation, etc.), and a thorough understanding of the writing process. Throughout the semester, students will use these tools to analyze authentic texts and to produce a variety of written assignments. By the end of the course, students will have developed their awareness of the norms of standard Spanish and learned to incorporate these features into their own writing. The class will be conducted in Spanish and students are expected to speak in Spanish at all times.
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisite: Spanish 202 or equivalent
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 215 Spanish for the Professions I
Spanish for the Professions is designed to provide advanced-level language students with a wide-ranging technical vocabulary and the enhancement of solid communicative skills within the cultural context of several developing Latin American countries. Focusing on topics such as politics, economy, society, health, environment, education, science and technology, the class will explore the realities and underlying challenges facing Latin America. Through essays, papers, articles, research, discussions, case studies, and videotapes, we shall take an in-depth look at the dynamics of Latin American societies. The course will focus on—but not be restricted to—Mexico, Cuba and Argentina.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisite: Spanish 202 or equivalent
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 219 Hispanic Texts and Contexts
The primary aim of this course is to develop students’ knowledge of the geographical, historical and cultural contexts of the Spanish-speaking world. At the same time that they are introduced to research techniques and materials available in Spanish, students strengthen their language skills through reading, oral presentations, video viewing, and regular writing assignments. The course is designed to give students a broad understanding of Hispanic culture that will prepare them for upper-level coursework and study abroad.
For BA Students: Humanities and Social Science Sector
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisites: Spanish 202 or Spanish 212.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 223 Introduction to Literary Analysis
By helping students develop skills to carefully read and analyze Spanish literary works, Spanish 223 prepares them for upper-level courses and study abroad. After reviewing the main elements and conventions of the most popular genres (narrative, poetry, theater and essay), students become familiarized with current theoretical approaches to the study of literature with the purpose of applying them to their own analytical writing. The last weeks of the semester are devoted to the reading of a well-crafted detective novel and the examination of both its formal features and its ideological underpinnings. Throughout the course students will have ample opportunities to hone their skills through the close reading and class discussion of varied and stimulating literary works produced by canonical and non-canonical Hispanic authors.
For BA Students: Arts and Letters Sector
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisites: Spanish 202 or Spanish 212.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 250 Major Works of Spanish and Latin American Literature
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department's website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
For BA Students: Arts and Letters Sector
One-term course offered either term
Also Offered As: COML 252, LALS 252
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 317 Spanish Phonetics and Morphology
An introduction to articulatory phonetics designed to give the student a practical knowledge of the Spanish sound system as compared with English. Also some work in acoustic phonetics. Students learn to use the phonetic alphabet. Basic work is followed by an introduction to the linguistic analysis of sound systems, with concentration on Spanish and English phonology. Some introductory work on regional and social variations of pronunciation in the Spanish-speaking world. Lastly, an introduction to morphological analysis of language, with particular attention to the structure of the Spanish verb and word formation.
Lectures and discussion of readings.
Course not offered every year
Prerequisites: Spanish 219 or Spanish 223.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit
SPAN 319 History of the Spanish Language
A survey treatment of the development of Latin to modern Spanish, with emphasis on relations between external history and the development of grammatical structure and vocabulary, and major sound shifts. Lectures and discussions of reading.
Course not offered every year
Prerequisites: Spanish 219 or Spanish 223.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 330 Medieval Literature
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Prerequisites: Spanish 219 or Spanish 223.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 348 Don Quijote
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Prerequisites: Spanish 219 or Spanish 223.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 350 Spanish Literature of the Golden Age
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Also Offered As: LALS 350
Prerequisites: Spanish 219 or Spanish 223.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 351 Spanish Poetry of the Golden Age
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Prerequisite: Spanish 219
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 373 Spanish Romanticism, 1770-1870
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Prerequisites: Spanish 219 or Spanish 223.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 380 Contemporary Spanish Literature
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Also Offered As: CIMS 380, LALS 380
Prerequisites: Spanish 219 or Spanish 223.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 384 Spanish Novel Since 1939
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Also Offered As: CIMS 384
Prerequisites: Spanish 219 or Spanish 223.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 386 Studies in Spanish Culture
This course covers topics in contemporary Spanish Culture, its specific emphasis varying with the instructor. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
One-term course offered either term
Also Offered As: CIMS 385, GSWS 386, LALS 386
Prerequisites: Spanish 219 or Spanish 223.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 390 Introduction to Spanish American Literature
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Also Offered As: CIMS 390, COML 390, GSWS 391, LALS 396
Prerequisites: Spanish 219 or Spanish 223.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 392 Colonial Latin American Literature
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Also Offered As: LALS 392
Prerequisites: Spanish 219 or Spanish 223.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 394 Spanish American Fiction
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Also Offered As: LALS 394
Prerequisites: Spanish 219 or Spanish 223.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 395 Hispanic Theater
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Also Offered As: LALS 395
Prerequisites: Spanish 219 or Spanish 223.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit
SPAN 396 Studies in Spanish American Culture
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Also Offered As: CIMS 396, GSWS 396, LALS 397
Prerequisites: Spanish 219 or Spanish 223.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 397 History of Spanish American Culture
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Also Offered As: CIMS 397, GSWS 397, LALS 398
Prerequisites: Spanish 219 or Spanish 223.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 400 Conference Course for Majors
Permission required.
Course usually offered in fall term
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 523 Modern Novel
Course not offered every year
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 543 Environmental Humanities
Also Offered As: COML 544, ENGL 584, ENVS 543, GRMN 543
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 580 Contemporary Spanish Literature
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 600 History of the Spanish Language
The development of the Ibero-Romance dialects from late Latin to medieval times.
Course not offered every year
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 606 Pedagogy Across the Spanish Curriculum
Course usually offered in fall term
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 624 The Spanish Picaresque Novel
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 630 Studies in the Spanish Middle Ages
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Also Offered As: ARTH 740, COML 628
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 631 Medieval Spanish Epic to Romance
Analysis of the Spanish epic from its origins to its prosification in chronicles, later manifestations, and relationship to the prose romance.
Course not offered every year
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 640 Studies in the Spanish Renaissance
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Also Offered As: COML 640
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 648 The Novelist Cervantes
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 682 Seminar on Literary Theory
Topics vary. See the Spanish Department’s website for the current offerings. https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course usually offered in fall term
Also Offered As: COML 682
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 684 La Novela Realista
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 686 Studies in Spanish Culture
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Also Offered As: CIMS 695
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 687 The Spanish Avant-Garde
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Also Offered As: COML 687
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit
SPAN 690 Studies in 19th- and 20th-Century Spanish American Literature
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Also Offered As: COML 691, LALS 690
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 692 Colonial Literature of Spanish America
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Also Offered As: COML 692, LALS 692
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 693 Vanguardías culturales hispanoamericanas
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 694 Modern Spanish American Narrative
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Also Offered As: CIMS 694, COML 694, LALS 694
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 697 Studies in Latin American Culture
Topics vary. Please see the Spanish Department’s website for the current course description: https://www.sas.upenn.edu/hispanic-portuguese-studies/pc
Course not offered every year
Also Offered As: COML 697
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 698 Workshop on Scholarly Writing
This course aims to develop awareness about what constitutes effective scholarly prose in Spanish. It proposes to hone the student’s handling of writing as a vehicle for the expression of intellectual thought, but also to develop a consciousness of the rhetorical strategies that can be used to advance a critical argument effectively. Extensive writing exercises will be assigned; these will be followed by intense and multiple redactions of the work originally produced. The ultimate goal is to make students develop precision, correctness, and elegance in written Spanish. Students will also work on a class paper written previously, with a view to learning the process of transforming a short, limited expression of an argument into a publishable article.
Course not offered every year
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

SPAN 999 Independent Study
One-term course offered either term
Activity: Independent Study
1 Course Unit