Spanish Studies
Bachelor of Arts
2017-2018

General Areas of Service:
Graduates from this department specialize in a wide range of employment that includes business, industry, commerce, science, civil service, education, law, library science, media, and tourism.

Professional Training:
For some of the above specialties, a degree in another field is required. Chances for job placement are better if a student majoring in Spanish takes a double major; for example, a B.A. in Spanish and a B.S.W. in Social Work. In addition to teaching credentials, knowledge of the native language is necessary for those wishing to teach English as a second language to Spanish speaking people in their indigenous environment.

Denominational Opportunities:
The Spanish-speaking community is rapidly growing in the United States, creating many opportunities for graduates with a Spanish degree.

Job Outlook:
Due to an increasingly global economy and the rising number of non-English speaking people in the United States, graduates with a Spanish skillset are in constant demand. Bilingual abilities are a crucial asset in all industries, and demand is especially high in education, healthcare, business, and legal services. For those interested in translation and interpretation, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), "[e]mployment of interpreters and translators is projected to grow 29 percent from 2014 to 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations." In all applications of foreign language, job opportunities should be best for those who have professional certification. (See www.bls.gov)

Earnings:
Wages vary widely depending on the degrees obtained and the field entered. In their May 2016, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports the median annual wage for interpreters and translators as $46,120 and the median wage for high school teachers as $58,030. (See www.bls.gov)
Foreign language majors who have not had residence in a country in which their language is spoken are required to spend their sophomore or junior year abroad. Language minors are required to spend a minimum of one quarter abroad. The senior year must be taken at WWU after the student returns to the home campus. For specific courses offered at Sagunto in Spain or Universidad del Plate in Argentina, consult the current ACA bulletin.
The chart below details one suggested path a student may take to complete a bachelor’s degree in Spanish Studies. **Classes that are offered with multiple sections are listed in each quarter they are available.** Cognates, general studies courses, and electives should be taken to complete 192 credit hours to complete a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Studies. **See the Undergraduate Bulletin for complete requirements.**

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**Sophomore – One of these years will be spent in Argentina or Spain**

| Span 201 Intermediate Spanish (ACA or WWU) ........... 4 | Span 202 Intermediate Spanish (ACA or WWU) ........... 4 | Span 203 Intermediate Spanish (ACA) ........... 4 |
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**Junior – One of these years will be spent in Argentina or Spain**

| Span 405 Spanish Stylistics & Rhetoric ........... 4 | Lang 406 Language & Culture ........... 4 |

**Senior – 4 credits must be taken from the following**

| +Span 407 Survey of Spanish Literature ........... 4 | -Span 408 Contemporary Latino Literature ........... 4 |

**English Requirements:**

**Freshman**

ENGL 121 & 122 – College Writing

**Sophomore**

ENGL 223 – Research Writing

**General Requirements:**

- Health & P.E. 2 cr.
- History 8 cr.
- Social Science 4 cr.
- Humanities 12 cr.
- Language Arts 12 cr.
- Foreign Language 12 cr.
- Mathematics 4 cr.
- Natural Science 8 cr.
- Religion & Theology 18 cr.

**Notes:**

+ Classes offered even years
- Classes offered odd years
* Does not apply toward major requirements.
^ Offered only through ACA

Students seeking teaching certification should see an adviser in the Education Department and take Methods of Teaching Modern Language (Lang 395).

Students participating in the Adventist Colleges Abroad program and majoring in a foreign language must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours of upper division foreign language courses at Walla Walla University after their year abroad. See the ACA information page of this Guidebook or visit the ACA website for more information on Adventist Colleges Abroad.

**Before graduation, all students must take an exit exam.**