

# SPANISH - B.A.

## College of Arts and Sciences

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## Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish provides students with opportunities to explore the rich diversity of Spanish cultures, develop reading, writing, listening and speaking skills in the Spanish language. Students will also acquire an in-depth knowledge and critical perspective on history and culture of the Spanish-speaking world through the analysis of literary and non literary texts.

## Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

## Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

**Freshman Students on the Kent Campus:** The freshman admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon the following: cumulative grade point average, ACT and/or SAT scores, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. The Admissions Office at the Kent Campus may defer the admission of students who do not meet admissions criteria but who demonstrate areas of promise for successful college study. Deferred applicants may begin their college coursework at one of seven regional campuses of Kent State University. For more information on admissions, including additional requirements for some academic programs, visit the admissions website for new freshmen.

**Freshman Students on the Regional Campuses:** Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

**English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students:** All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score or minimum 48 PTE score, or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

**Transfer, Transitioning and Former Students:** For more information about admission criteria for transfer, transitioning and former students, please visit the admissions website.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Perform tasks at Intermediate High and Advanced Low levels of proficiency as described by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Proficiency Guidelines. Proficiency, in ACTFL terms, is understood to describe a range of qualities rather than an absolute norm and will vary according to task type, language function, topic, skill (listening, speaking, reading, writing), and so forth.
2. Contribute to most informal and some formal conversations with sufficient accuracy, clarity, and precision to convey their intended message without misrepresentation or confusion. They will for the most part be understood by native speakers unaccustomed to dealing with non-native speakers.
3. Vary the register (formality level) of their speech.
4. Talk about personal interests, topics of general interest, literature and culture, and so forth in the target language.
5. Listen to extended discourse on a variety of topics and understand main ideas and most details.
6. Read texts written for native speakers and not edited or adapted for students. They will read a wide variety of text types such as poems, plays, novels, magazine articles, newspaper articles, brochures, pamphlets, menus, letters written for native speakers of Spanish.
7. Compose routine social correspondence, take notes, write cohesive summaries and resumes, as well as narratives and descriptions of a factual nature in the target language. Additionally, they will be able to complete course-related writing tasks such as essays and term papers in the target language. They will be able to defend a thesis statement and make stylistic decisions based on the needs of specific audiences and on specific writing purposes.
8. Demonstrate a historical knowledge of Spanish history and culture and understand the diverse nature of culture throughout the ages.
9. Discuss cultural differences, distinguishing between fact, opinion and stereotypes.
10. Learn to recognize and esteem diversity as they gain the skills necessary for sensitive, effective interpersonal and intercultural interaction.
11. Learn to view concepts, issues, events, and themes from the perspectives of diverse ethnic and cultural groups and to esteem diversity as they gain the skills necessary for sensitive, effective interpersonal and intercultural communication. Additionally, in learning to recognize and accept cultural differences, graduates will be able to maintain an ongoing assessment of their own cultural values and behaviors. Successful completion of the program will foster in our students a lifetime commitment and desire to continue learning about languages, literatures and cultures different from their own.

## University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

**NOTE:** University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1
Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 (or 42)
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate. Students in a B.A. and/or B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 42 upper-division credit hours.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120
Some bachelor's degrees require students to complete more than 120 credit hours.	

## Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCOMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>36-37</b>

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Prerequisite Requirements</b> <sup>1</sup>		
SPAN 18201	ELEMENTARY SPANISH I	
SPAN 18202	ELEMENTARY SPANISH II	
SPAN 28201	INTERMEDIATE SPANISH I	
SPAN 28202	INTERMEDIATE SPANISH II	
<b>Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)</b>		
SPAN 38211	SPANISH GRAMMAR AND COMPOSITION	3
SPAN 38213	SPANISH READING AND CONVERSATION	3
SPAN 38421	CIVILIZATION OF SPAIN	3
SPAN 38424	CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION OF LATIN AMERICA	3
SPAN 48215	ADVANCED SPANISH COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION	3
Spanish (SPAN) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 levels)		
		6
Spanish (SPAN) Upper-Division Electives (40000 level)		
		6
Survey Literature Electives, choose from the following:		
		3
SPAN 38330	EARLY SPANISH LITERATURE (ELR) (WIC) <sup>2</sup>	
SPAN 38331	RECENT SPANISH LITERATURE (ELR) (WIC) <sup>2</sup>	
SPAN 38334	EARLY SPANISH-AMERICAN LITERATURE (ELR) (WIC) <sup>2</sup>	
SPAN 38335	RECENT SPANISH-AMERICAN LITERATURE (ELR) (WIC) <sup>2</sup>	

Major Electives, choose from the following:	3
Modern and Classical Language Studies (MCLS) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 levels)	
Spanish (SPAN) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 levels)	
Translation Studies (TRST) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 level)	
<b>Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)</b>	
UC 10097 DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Kent Core Composition	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional	6
College General Requirement (must be from Kent Core Basic Sciences)	3
College General Requirement (must be from Kent Core Social Sciences) <sup>5</sup>	3
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 42 upper-division credit hours)	44
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	120

- Many students begin their university studies with substantial proficiency in Spanish and therefore, should begin their program of study with the first course in the Spanish major, SPAN 38211. Other students may need to complete one or more of the prerequisite courses: SPAN 18201, SPAN 18202, SPAN 28201, SPAN 28202. Starting Spanish studies in the appropriate courses(s) is critical to on-time graduation. All students intending to major in Spanish should contact a Spanish faculty advisor in the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies for individualized placement and advising information prior to enrolling in their first Spanish course. Students entering the university with substantial knowledge of Spanish should consider taking the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) through which they may receive up to 14 credit hours of university credit. Students wishing to earn credit through CLEP should take the exam several weeks prior to enrolling in their first Spanish course to ensure eligibility, timely granting of credits and timely placement into the correct Spanish courses(s).
- It is recommended that students who have the declared the Education minor and students interested in declaring a double major with Translation take MCLS 30420.
- A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.
- One additional course taken from the Kent Core Basic Science courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Biological Sciences (BSCI), Chemistry (CHEM), Geography (GEOG), Geology (GEOL) or Physics (PHY). The course may not be from the student's major.
- One additional course taken from the Kent Core Social Sciences courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Geography (GEOG), Criminology and Justice Studies (CRIM), Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS), Political Science (POL), Psychology (PSYC) or Sociology (SOC). The course may not be from the student's major.

## Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

- All students in the Spanish major are required to complete the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview, ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test and the Spanish Outcomes Assessment Test, prior to being cleared for graduation. Information about the exams can be found on the ACTFL website and the Language Testing International (LTI) website, the exclusive licensee of ACTFL.
- Some courses in the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies are offered on a rotating basis. Rotations and course availability may change at any time. Visit the department's website for course offering projections and advising with course planning.

## Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

<b>Semester One</b>		<b>Credits</b>
SPAN 38211	SPANISH GRAMMAR AND COMPOSITION	3
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
General Elective		3
Credit Hours		16
<b>Semester Two</b>		
SPAN 38213	SPANISH READING AND CONVERSATION	3
College General Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
<b>Semester Three</b>		
SPAN 38421	CIVILIZATION OF SPAIN	3
College General Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
General Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
<b>Semester Four</b>		
SPAN 38424	CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION OF LATIN AMERICA	3
Major Elective or Survey Literature Elective, or Spanish (SPAN) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)		3
General Electives		9
Credit Hours		15
<b>Semester Five</b>		
SPAN 48215	ADVANCED SPANISH COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION	3
Major Elective or Survey Literature Elective, or Spanish (SPAN) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
General Electives		6
Credit Hours		15
<b>Semester Six</b>		
Major Elective or Survey Literature Elective, or Spanish (SPAN) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
General Electives		6
Credit Hours		15
<b>Semester Seven</b>		
Major Elective or Survey Literature Elective, or Spanish (SPAN) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)		6
Kent Core Requirement		3
General Electives		6
Credit Hours		15

### Semester Eight

Major Elective or Survey Literature Elective, or Spanish (SPAN) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)	3
General Electives	11
Credit Hours	14
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	120