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UMSL

And your major

Modern Language BA

with an emphasis in Spanish

The BA in Modern Languages with emphasis in Spanish develops learners who are both linguistically and culturally competent and ready to become global citizens. We offer a broad range of coursework in Spanish, from foundational courses in language and culture to courses focused on literature, linguistics, creative writing, and professions, all aimed at developing competencies for the 21st century. Our introductory-level courses are taught in different delivery modes: in person, hybrid, and online. We encourage study abroad through our short-term programs to destinations such as Costa Rica, as well as through year-long programs in partner institutions.

Career Outlook

Since Spanish is widely spoken around the world, including the United States, a major in Spanish provides excellent career opportunities in the fields of teaching, translation, and interpretation. It also enhances job prospects in other disciplines.

Advanced proficiency in Spanish is highly valued in fields such as international business, sales and marketing, non-profit organizations, health care, social services, and law. Other careers where Spanish proficiency is advantageous are international relations, political sciences, journalism, and tourism.

Career Options

- Spanish Teacher
- Translator / Interpreter / Localizer
- International Relations Consultant
- Health Care Professional
- Cultural Events Coordinator
- International Travel or Study Coordinator
- Foreign Service Officer
- Bilingual Customer Service Representative
- Foreign Correspondent
- International Business Coordinator
- Law Enforcement Official
- Immigration Specialist

Skills Developed through Degree Completion

- Communicate effectively and cohesively in written and oral discourse
- Appreciate the diversity of Spanish-speaking cultures
- Critically analyze film, media, literature, and art in the Spanish-speaking world
- Compare and contrast cultural beliefs, behaviors, and norms of oneself with those of other cultures
- Describe how language and culture impact one's world view

Successful alumni have gone on to fulfill many of the opportunities above. Additional possibilities are taken from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Contact an advisor to discuss additional future career options.

4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

Bachelor of Arts in Modern Language

Emphasis in Spanish

Year

1

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

- SPANISH 1001: Spanish Language & Culture I (5)
- ENGL 1100: First-Year Writing (3)
- MATH 1020: Contemporary Mathematics (3)
- GEN ED EXPLORE: Social Sciences (3)
- INTDSC 1003: University Studies (1)

SPRING SEMESTER (14 credit hours)

- SPANISH 1002: Spanish Language & Culture II (5)
- GEN ED EXPLORE: Math & Life/Natural Sciences (3)
- GEN ED CORE: Communication Proficiency (3)
- GEN ED CORE: US History & Government (3)

SUMMER SEMESTER (3 credit hours)

- SPANISH 2101: Spanish Language & Culture III (3)

Year

2

FALL SEMESTER (16 credit hours)

- SPANISH 2172: Spanish Composition (4) (*Only offered in fall)
- GEN ED CORE: Information Literacy (3)
- FGN LANG 2100: Languages & World View (3)
- GEN ED EXPLORE: Social Sciences (3)
- Elective (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

- SPANISH 2180: Readings in Spanish (4) (*Only offered in spring)
- Elective (3)
- GEN ED EXPLORE: Social Sciences (3)
- GEN ED EXPLORE: Math & Life/Natural Sciences (3)
- Elective (2)

Year

3

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

- SPANISH 3212: Hispanic Cultures & Civilizations (3) (*Only offered in fall)
- SPANISH 3XXX: Spanish Course (3)
- ENGL 3100: Junior-Level Writing (3)
- GEN ED EXPLORE: Math & Life/Natural Sciences (3)
- Elective (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

- SPANISH 3282: Introduction to Hispanic Literature (3) (*Only offered in spring)
- SPANISH 3326: Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics (3) (*Only offered in spring)
- SPANISH 4XXX: Spanish Course (3)
- Elective (3)
- Elective (3)

Year

4

FALL SEMESTER (12 credit hours)

- SPANISH 3XXX: Spanish Course (3)
- SPANISH 4XXX: Spanish Course (3)
- Elective (3)
- Elective (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

- SPANISH 4XXX: Spanish Course (3)
- Elective (3)
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Degree completed!

2023-2024

4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

This is a sample academic map for the courses to take each academic semester/session. ***This map is not a substitute for academic advisement.*** Contact your advisor when making final selections.

– Study Abroad Option

is a wonderful opportunity to fulfill SPANISH 2101, 2199 or 3199 in Costa Rica during Winter Intersession.

– University Studies

is required for all first-year students and those with less than 24 credit hours.

– Milestone courses

should be taken in the order shown to ensure you stay on a timely and accurate path toward graduation.

– Summer and Intersession courses

Don't forget that summers and winter breaks are a way to fast-track your route to degree completion – and lighten your load during fall and spring!



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