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# Spanish Studies



Diego Rodríguez de Silva y Velázquez (1599-1660)  
Detail from *Las Meninas* (1656-57)

## The Benefits of Knowing Spanish

- Spanish is spoken by more than 350 million people around the world.
- Spanish is the second most used language in international communication and an official language of the UN and its organizations.
- Latin-American countries are becoming important global commercial partners (think about agreements like NAFTA).
- Our graduates have strong oral and written skills, so they can build careers in international business, foreign affairs, immigration services, teaching, media.

## Why Not Study Spanish at U of C?

- The program offers a new and creative curriculum.
- Courses are taught by an experienced faculty always close by.
- Even as an undergraduate you will have the possibility to undertake faculty-monitored joint research.
- You can use the *Centro de tertulia* (The Spanish Centre, located in CHD 305), an informal lounge. Have a coffee, read material, listen to music and practice with Spanish-speaking monitors.
- You can take advantage of the many opportunities to study abroad :
  - attending university in Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru or Spain and transferring credits back to the U of C
  - participating in the field trip organized once a year by the Faculty of Arts in a Latin-American country (Guatemala, Peru or Mexico)
  - attending one of the universities the U of C has an agreement with, such as
    - \* ITESM (Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey) with campuses throughout Mexico
    - \* Universidad Pablo de Olavide, in Seville, Spain

## The Major in Spanish

As with any Major at the Faculty of Arts you need to complete **40 HCE** (= Half Course Equivalents) to receive your degree. A full-time student normally takes ten half course equivalents a year, five in the Fall semester, and five in the Winter semester. So your degree normally takes four years.

The B.A. in Spanish has 2 components:

- ➔ A minimum of **16 HCE in Spanish\***, usually as follows:
  - Year 1: Spanish **201, 203**
  - Year 2: Spanish **301, 303, 323**
  - Year 3: **Spanish 405, 407, 421, 423** + 2 HCE at the 400 level, of which 1 must be in literature
  - Year 4: **Spanish 505** + 3 HCE at the 500 level + 1 HCE in Spanish at the senior level (300 and above)

- ➔ A minimum of **2 HCE from the Faculty of Science**

It is possible to do a Minor or a Major in another discipline.

\* to a maximum of 20

## The Minor in Spanish

A Minor in Spanish is a good option if you are specializing in an area related to the Hispanic world, such as Latin-American Studies.

To obtain a Minor in Spanish you must successfully complete between ten and twelve half-course equivalents in Spanish, including at least 6 HCE at the senior level (300 or above). Be aware that some courses have prerequisites.

## Getting Started

Depending on your previous knowledge of Spanish you can enter the Spanish program at different levels.

- If you have never studied Spanish ➔ you start at **Span 201**
- If you have Spanish 30 from High School ➔ you start at **Span 203**
- If you have some knowledge of Spanish but are unsure of your level ➔ you should write a **placement test**

Placement tests, with extensive instructions, are available from our website: <http://fis.ucalgary.ca/>

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