

MINOR IN WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES: SPANISH



MINORS MATTER: SPANISH

WHY CHOOSE A LANGUAGE MINOR?

Have you studied Spanish in high school? Wondering how to keep and grow the Spanish skills you already have? Interested in giving yourself an edge on the job market? A Language Minor is perfect for you! Even without prior study, you can complete a Spanish Minor in 4 years.

In a word, it's **SMART!** In their future careers, language minors will reap many benefits.

- + **SUCCESS**
- + **MARKETABILITY**
- + **ADAPTABILITY**
- + **RESPONSIBILITY**
- + **TRAVEL**

WHAT MAJORS SHOULD MINOR IN A LANGUAGE?

A language minor works for all majors. Many of our Spanish minors have majors in Psychology, Communication Disorder Sciences, Biology, Music, Elementary Education, Communication Studies, Sociology, Health, Business, and Family and Consumer Sciences.

HOW CAN A LANGUAGE MINOR HELP ME IN MY CAREER?

Your future employer will know that you can communicate effectively, exhibit cultural sensitivity and flexibility, understand diverse lifestyles and customs, and are equipped to adapt in a fast-changing world

WHY CHOOSE A SPANISH MINOR AT EIU?

We award credit for work you have already done.

GET CREDIT FOR PRIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDY.

You'll receive up to 6 credits free of charge for language study completed in high school. Credits count toward graduation and are applied after you

complete two language courses (8 hours) at EIU. Students must begin in Spanish 1102 (second semester Spanish) or at the 2000-level.

GET CREDIT FOR THE SEAL OF BILITERACY.

A student who has received the State Seal of Biliteracy will receive a total of 8 credits. This is the equivalent of first semester (4 credits) and second semester (4 credits) Spanish at EIU.

GET CREDIT FOR AP.

A score of 3 will receive credit for Spanish 2201G Intermediate Spanish I (4 credits). A score of 4 will receive credit for Spanish 2201G and 2202G (8 credits). A score of 5 will receive credit for Spanish 2201G, 2202G, and one 3000-level course (11 credits total)

GET CREDIT FOR PROFICIENCY EXAMS.

Popular option for students who have picked up Spanish skills at home, through travel or work abroad. Take our proficiency exams for Spanish 3000 Grammar in Context, and/or Spanish 3050 Conversation and Pronunciation. Upon passing the exam(s), you'll get 4 credits for Spanish 3000 and 4 credits for Spanish 3050.

YOU EVEN HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO EARN CREDITS ABROAD.

Join our faculty-led short-term program (Spring Break in Mexico for 2 credits). Study at our partner schools in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru or Spain (4-8 credits in summer). Earn 12-16 credits during a full semester in Salamanca, Malaga or Sevilla, Spain.

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INTRIGUED BUT NOT SURE?

Intermediate Spanish I (WLS 2201G) and Intermediate Spanish II (WLS 2202G) fulfill your Gen Ed Humanities requirement. Check it out, decide later.

HOW MANY HOURS ARE REQUIRED?

12 hours at the upper division (3000+) level. See catalog for credit hours of individual courses.

TYPICAL COURSE SEQUENCE:

WLS 2201G - Intermediate Spanish I

WLS 2202G - Intermediate Spanish II

UPPER DIVISION COURSES:

Take 4 courses on the 3000/4000 level for (at least) 12 hours total.

WLS 3000 - Grammar in Context

WLS 3050 - Pronunciation and Conversation

Choose two more courses from: Hispanic Cinema, Latin American Narrative and Film, Race and Gender in Spanish American Literature, Civilization and Culture of Spain, Civilization and Culture of Spanish America, Hispanic Short Story, or others.

Interested in teaching? Teach our after school enrichment program in Spanish (WLS 3501 Languages for Young Learners) and earn 1-3 language credits towards you Minor.

WHAT CLASS SHOULD I TAKE FIRST?

With 2-3 years of high school Spanish: Most students start in WLS 2201G Intermediate Spanish I.

With 4 years of high school Spanish: Most students start in WLS 2202G Intermediate Spanish II.

It's really easy to move up or down a level the first week of the semester. Both courses are taught on the same days and times.

NEED MORE ADVICE?

E-mail our Chair, Dr. Eydt-Beebe, for placement advice at ckeydt@eiu.edu

You can also choose to take an optional placement exam free of charge.

MORE REASONS TO CHOOSE A SPANISH MINOR AT EIU

LEARN FROM TOP FACULTY.

Our professors are fabulous, fluent, and fun. Get wowed by dynamic instructors who are dedicated to their craft.

GAIN EXPERIENCE AND CONNECT.

Meaningful and memorable Service Learning in the community. Tutor for "Amigos and Friends." Teach our after-school enrichment program. Intern at GlobalFest. Work as a tutor in our World Language Center (after taking WLS 3000).

BUILD WORLD LANGUAGE COMMUNITY.

Have a great time with fellow language lovers. We have Conversation Tables in all languages; Spanish, French, and German Clubs; film nights; Honor Society events; Mardi Gras; Karneval; Oktoberfest; Latino Heritage Month; Fiesta Latina and more.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY:



"It could be beneficial for me to connect with vendors from Spanish-speaking countries. Being bilingual could offer so many opportunities. Most importantly, I have always had a love for Spanish so, that is why I chose to study it. What I like most about the minor are the courses. They are fun! I enjoy class discussions, homework activities, and much more. No matter what level you are in Spanish, there are courses for you, and the professors will ensure that you are in the right class. The World Language Department is indeed a big family, and that is one of the things I enjoy the most."

DARRIONA THURMAN

SPANISH MINOR; FASHION MERCHANDISING & DESIGN MAJOR



"Having a minor in Spanish demonstrates fluency, which makes job applicants more desirable. Speaking Spanish has provided me with so many opportunities. I have recently been accepted into the Disney College Program. On my application I noted that I am fluent in Spanish. Being that Walt Disney World is one of the top vacation destinations in the world, I will be encountering guests whose native language is something other than English."

JOSIE ALCANTAR '17

SPANISH MINOR; FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES (CONCENTRATION: HOSPITALITY) MAJOR