

SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE MAJOR

The majors in French, Japanese and Spanish Language and Culture offer students opportunities to effectively develop cultural and linguistic abilities to function productively in the global, 21st century world in an array of fields where language and intercultural competencies are critical.

All department minors must take an appropriate 300 level class upon return to complete requirements. 20-22 credits are generally required for minors.

Spanish Language and Culture Track

The major and minor in Spanish Language and Culture helps students develop the linguistic and cultural tools to deal with diverse communities and develop intercultural skills highly sought in an array of careers. The major, with its study abroad components, exposes students to a rich history, diverse groups and linguistic variety throughout Latin America, the U.S. and in Spain. Students with prior experience in Spanish language must take a placement test before beginning Spanish courses. Starting with 302, courses introduce students to cultural, linguistic, and literary topics that allow them to develop communication skills at an advanced level.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

This major is available as a bachelor of arts degree only, as defined in the section on degree requirements (<http://catalog.linfield.edu/degrees-and-programs/undergraduate/ba-bs-bsn/>) for all majors in this catalog.

For a major in Spanish Language and Culture there are two tracks, one involving study abroad and a second one without study abroad if exempted. Complete 41 credits as follows

- Study Abroad Pathway (<http://catalog.linfield.edu/programs-az/arts-sciences/global-languages-cultural-studies/spanish-language-culture-major/study-abroad-pathway/>)
- Non-Study Abroad Pathway (<http://catalog.linfield.edu/programs-az/arts-sciences/global-languages-cultural-studies/spanish-language-culture-major/non-study-abroad-pathway/>)

Student Learning Outcomes

- Communicate effectively in the target language of study on a variety of topics related to interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational modes, both in academic and professional contexts and in a culturally appropriate fashion.
- Critically analyze through cultural products such as film, literature and other media, cultural practices and historical contexts that have shaped the target culture.
- Develop an understanding of and respect for diverse values and perspectives as portrayed in the communities of the target culture.
- Engage in civic learning to gain insights into global and local citizenry.
- Reflect upon personal experiences in the target culture to transfer learning to new, complex situations.

Oregon Preliminary Teaching Licensure in French or Spanish

Students who are also seeking an Oregon Preliminary Teaching License must also complete a Secondary Education major with Licensure. In order to complete the Secondary Education major with Licensure, students should begin taking education courses no later than their sophomore year. The student must be advised by faculty in both majors. Alternatively, students may complete a Teaching Certificate (<http://catalog.linfield.edu/programs-az/online-continuing-education/certificate-programs/secondary-education-teaching-certificate-occe/>) program at Linfield after degree completion. Students should seek advice from the Education Department Director if you are considering the post-graduation certificate option.

Students seeking teaching licensure may earn no grade lower than a C in both major **and** all licensure coursework.*

*This statement added to the catalog 12/2024, though the policy is not new.