

SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE MINOR

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.

Complete 22 credits in courses numbered 202 and above, including CROSS-CULTURAL & LINGUISTIC SKILLS FOR STUDY ABROAD (GLCS 280 (<https://catalog.linfield.edu/search/?P=GLCS%20280>)). Up to 12 credits taken during the semester abroad may be applied toward the minor. Students take the recommended language course after placement exam, a course related to local communities or peoples and electives in linguistics, language, culture, history, literature or the arts of the host country chosen in consultation with Linfield advisor and approved by the Department Chair. Students must consult with Spanish faculty early in the process before choosing a study abroad site because each program has specific requirements. Students are advised to take courses at the 301-302 level to ensure adequate preparation for study abroad. Upon returning from study abroad, students must take SPANISH COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION II (GLSP 302 (<https://catalog.linfield.edu/search/?P=GLSP%20302>)) or another appropriate higher-level course to complete the minor. Students unable to study abroad due to extenuating circumstances can complete the remaining credits by choosing from the following courses: GLSP 305, 306, 312, 315, 350, 360, 362, 370, 398 and GLCS 487, to fulfill minor requirements. All students are required to take the STAMP (language proficiency) and IDI (intercultural proficiency) assessments.

Courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher to count toward the minor.