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SPAN Courses

SPAN 1101 Elementary Spanish I (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

Beginning Spanish. Class practice and assigned outside work in reading, writing, conversation, pronunciation, and sentence structure. Language taught in its intercultural context. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 141 or SPAN 1141. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Formerly offered as part of the SPAN 101, 102, 103 series, students may not earn credit for both SPAN 101 and SPAN 1101.

SPAN 1102 Elementary Spanish II (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

Prerequisite: One of the following: SPAN 101, SPAN 1101, SPAN 141, SPAN 1141, or appropriate score on placement exam.

Class practice and assigned outside work in reading, writing, conversation, pronunciation, and sentence structure. Language taught in its intercultural context. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 142 or SPAN 1142. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Formerly offered as part of the SPAN 101, 102, 103 series, students may not earn credit for both SPAN 103 and SPAN 1102.

SPAN 1141 Elementary Spanish Language and Cultures I Study Abroad (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP, SU

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 3B

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area C2

Prerequisite: Acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.

Beginning Spanish. Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 101 or SPAN 1101. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 3B (GE Area C2 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly offered as part of the SPAN 141, 142, 143 series, students may not earn credit for both SPAN 141 and SPAN 1141.

SPAN 1142 Elementary Spanish Language and Cultures II Study Abroad (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP, SU

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 3B

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area C2

Prerequisite: One of the following: SPAN 101, SPAN 1101, SPAN 141, or SPAN 1141 or appropriate score on placement exam; and acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.

Class practice and assigned outside work in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 102 or SPAN 1102. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 3B (GE Area C2 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly offered as part of the SPAN 141, 142, 143 series, students may not earn credit for both SPAN 143 and SPAN 1142.

SPAN 2201 Intermediate Spanish I (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 3B

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area C2

Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for students on the 2020-26 catalogs); and one of the following: SPAN 102, SPAN 1102, SPAN 142, SPAN 1142, or appropriate score on placement exam.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Spanish within an intercultural context. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 241 or SPAN 2241. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as HNRS 2204/SPAN 2201. Fulfills GE Area 3B (GE Area C2 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs).

SPAN 2202 Intermediate Spanish II (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 3B

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area C2

Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for students on the 2020-26 catalogs); one of the following: SPAN 201, SPAN 2201, SPAN 241, SPAN 2241 or appropriate score on placement exam.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Spanish within an intercultural context. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 206, SPAN 2206, SPAN 242, or SPAN 2242. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as HNRS 2205/SPAN 2202. Fulfills GE Area 3B (GE Area C2 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs).

SPAN 2206 Spanish for Heritage Speakers (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 3B

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area C2

USCP

Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for students on the 2020-26 catalogs); and one of the following: SPAN 201, SPAN 2201, SPAN 241, SPAN 2241 or appropriate score on placement exam.

Designed for heritage speakers (students who grew up speaking and/or listening to Spanish in their homes/communities). Focus on expanding students' speaking, listening, reading and writing skills while honoring their Spanish varieties and cultural heritage. Exploration of Latinx cultures and literature. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 202, SPAN 2202, SPAN 242, or SPAN 2242. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 3B (GE Area C2 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs) and USCP.

SPAN 2207 Introduction to Spanish Linguistics (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

Prerequisite: One of the following: SPAN 202, SPAN 2202, SPAN 206, SPAN 2206, or SPAN 2242.

Introduction to the scientific study of the Spanish language with an emphasis on applied linguistics including Spanish pronunciation, Spanish dialects, Spanish in the US, and sociolinguistics. Conducted in Spanish. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Formerly SPAN 207.

SPAN 2233 Introduction to Hispanic Literature (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 3B

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area C2

Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for students on the 2020-26 catalogs); and one of the following: SPAN 202, SPAN 2202, SPAN 206, SPAN 2206, SPAN 242, or SPAN 2242.

Selected readings from Hispanic authors that show the Hispanic literary tradition from the Middle Ages to the present in Spain, Latin America, and of Latino/a/x writers in the United States. May include film and other media. Conducted in Spanish. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 3B (GE Area C2 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly SPAN 233.

SPAN 2241 Intermediate Spanish Language and Cultures I Study Abroad (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP, SU

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 3B

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area C2

Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for students on the 2020-26 catalogs); one of the following: SPAN 102, SPAN 1102, SPAN 142, SPAN 1142, or appropriate score on placement exam; and acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Spanish. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 201 or SPAN 2201. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 3B (GE Area C2 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly offered as part of the SPAN 241, 242, 243 series, students may not earn credit for both SPAN 241 and SPAN 2241.

SPAN 2242 Intermediate Spanish Language and Cultures II Study Abroad (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP, SU

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 3B

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area C2

Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for students on the 2020-26 catalogs); one of the following: SPAN 201, SPAN 2201, SPAN 241, SPAN 2241, or appropriate score on placement exam; and acceptance into the Cal Poly Global Program.

Development of presentational, interpersonal, and interpretive intermediate-level language skills in Spanish. Language taught in its intercultural context at a Cal Poly Global Program study center. Not open to students with credit in SPAN 202 or SPAN 2202. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 3B (GE Area C2 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly offered as part of the SPAN 241, 242, 243 series, students may not earn credit for both SPAN 243 and SPAN 2242.

SPAN 2270 Special Topics (1-3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed group study of special topics. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Conducted in Spanish. Repeatable up to 6 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 1 to 3 lectures. Formerly SPAN 270.

SPAN 3301 Advanced Writing in Spanish (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

Prerequisite: One of the following: SPAN 202, SPAN 2202, SPAN 206, SPAN 2206, SPAN 242, or SPAN 2242.

Oral and written development of structural grammar, syntax, and complex components of Spanish. Vocabulary expansion and idiomatic construction. Written compositions. May include Spanish/English translation. Conducted in Spanish. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Formerly SPAN 301.

SPAN 3302 Spanish Conversation, Composition, and Advocacy (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

Prerequisite: One of the following: SPAN 202, SPAN 2202, SPAN 206, SPAN 2206, SPAN 242, or SPAN 2242.

Developing conversational and writing skills via exploration of contemporary issues in the Spanish-speaking world. Focus on individual and group presentations and in-class writing and speaking activities to enhance students' vocabulary, critical thinking, advocacy skills, and intercultural competency. Conducted in Spanish. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Formerly SPAN 302.

SPAN 3303 Introduction to English-Spanish Translation (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for students on the 2020-26 catalogs); and one of the following: SPAN 207, SPAN 2207, SPAN 233, SPAN 2233, SPAN 301, SPAN 3301, SPAN 302, or SPAN 3302.

Developing basic knowledge, skills, theories, and techniques required for translation both from Spanish to English and from English to Spanish. Translating news articles, legal documents, commercial advertisements, formal letters, and literary works. Conducted in Spanish. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Formerly SPAN 303.

SPAN 3305 Literary Works in Spanish (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 3

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area C

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and SPAN 233 or SPAN 2233.

Critical analysis and oral discussion of poetry, essays, novels, plays, films, and other media by selected Hispanic authors. Conducted in Spanish. The Class Schedule will list subtitle selected. Repeatable up to 9 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 3 (GE Area Upper-Division C for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly SPAN 305.

SPAN 3307 Spanish and Latin American Film (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP, SU

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 3

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area C

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and SPAN 233 or SPAN 2233.

Study, analysis, and critique of films from Spain and/or Latin America, organized around such topics as individual film directors or genres, national and international film traditions, migration, gender, ethnicity, and politics. Evaluation of works in their cultural contexts. The Class Schedule will list topic selected and language of instruction (English or Spanish). Repeatable up to 6 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 3 (GE Area Upper-Division C for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly SPAN 307.

SPAN 3340 Chicano/Latinx Works in Spanish (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 3

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area C

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and SPAN 233 or SPAN 2233.

Introduction to Chicano/a/x/Latino/a/x literary accomplishments to facilitate appreciation of their literary aesthetics and increase understanding of Chicano/a/x/Latino/a/x cultural values and lifestyles. Conducted in Spanish. The Class Schedule will list subtitle selected. Repeatable up to 6 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 3 (GE Area Upper-Division C for students on the 2020-26 catalogs) and USCP. Formerly SPAN 340.

SPAN 3350 Hispanic Literature in English Translation (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 3

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area C

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of GE Area 3B (GE Area C2 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs).

Selected works to be read by students in English translation. Critical analysis, interpretation, and comparison of works originally in Spanish by authors from Latin America, Spain, and the United States. Course may include film and other media. Discussion in English. The Class Schedule will list subtitle selected. Repeatable up to 6 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 3 (GE Area Upper-Division C for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly SPAN 350.

SPAN 3351 Chicano/Latinx Works in English (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 3

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area C

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 3 (GE Areas C1 or C2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Analysis and exploration of the major themes of Chicano/a/x/Latino/a/x literature in the United States today. Emphasis on Chicano/a/x, Puerto Rican, Cuban American, Central American, and other Latino/a/x writers. All readings and discussions in English. The Class Schedule will list subtitle selected. Repeatable up to 6 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 3 (GE Area Upper-Division C for students on the 2020-26 catalogs) and USCP. Formerly SPAN 351.

SPAN 3380 Spanish for the Professions (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and one of the following: SPAN 202, SPAN 2202, SPAN 206, SPAN 2206, or appropriate score on placement exam.

Development of professional language skills, cultural competency and critical perspectives in selected professional fields in order to communicate effectively in Spanish. Conducted in Spanish. The Class Schedule will list subtitle selected. Repeatable up to 6 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2020-26 catalogs).

SPAN 4402 Advanced Spanish Applied Linguistics (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

Prerequisite: SPAN 207 or SPAN 2207.

Advanced study of Spanish applied linguistics. Topics include bilingualism and code-switching, sounds and pronunciation, word formation, grammatical structures, meaning and intention. Introduction to research methodologies in the social sciences to discuss issues of Spanish in the US, identity, race, and migration. Conducted in Spanish. The Class Schedule will list subtitle selected. Repeatable up to 6 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Formerly SPAN 402.

SPAN 4410 Advanced Literary Studies in Spanish (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

Prerequisite: SPAN 233 or SPAN 2233.

In-depth study of literature in Spanish. Specific genre, literary period, author or group of authors, region, or country. Course may include film and other media. Conducted in Spanish. The Class Schedule will list subtitle selected. Repeatable up to 6 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Formerly SPAN 410.

SPAN 4416 Don Quijote (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

Prerequisite: SPAN 233 or SPAN 2233.

Intensive reading of Cervantes' novel, Don Quijote (Part 1, 1605 and Part 2, 1615) in the context of Cervantes' life and the history and social context of Spanish renaissance and baroque culture. Conducted in Spanish. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Formerly SPAN 416.

SPAN 4470 Special Advanced Topics (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed group study of special topics for advanced students. Conducted in Spanish. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Repeatable up to 6 units. Course may be offered in classroom-base, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Formerly SPAN 470.