

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION OF SPANISH MAJOR AND MINOR

THE SPANISH MAJOR A major consists of a minimum of 27 credit hours in Spanish beyond FLS 203. Courses must include FLS 204, 220, 230 or 231 and 321 or 322, and 493. THE SPANISH MINOR A minor consists of a minimum of 14 credit hours beyond 203. Courses must include 204 and one course in either civilization or literature.

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STUDY ABROAD The Department encourages all students with a major or minor in Spanish to spend a semester in a Spanish-speaking country. The University has a study-abroad program that provides students the opportunity to spend the Spring semester in Puebla, Mexico at the UDLA (Universidad de las Américas) under the directorship of a VU faculty member. Students who wish to study in Spain or elsewhere in Latin America should consult their Spanish professors or the International Studies Office for help in finding an appropriate program. Visit the [Office of International Programs](#) for details.

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SCHOLARSHIPS The Department offers competitive scholarships of \$1,000 for freshman students who will major in Spanish. These merit awards are renewable three times for a total of \$4,000 if the student remains a Spanish major and makes satisfactory academic progress. Scholarship holders may have two majors. There are [three steps](#) to the application process.

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CAMPUS ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS OF SPANISH Students of Spanish will also find many opportunities to practice the language outside of the classroom by engaging in volunteer work such as tutoring programs, teaching English as a Second Language to native speakers of Spanish, and teaching Spanish in the [Bridges after-school program](#) at the elementary level in the community. The [Spanish Club](#) further complements the curriculum through its schedule of activities such as a conversation hour, viewing Spanish and Latin American films, preparing typical dishes from the speaking world, and engaging in social events that reflect distinctive cultural celebrations like the *Días de los Muertos*. Beginning in fall 2009, students can take full advantage of our newest initiative: [The Spanish House](#).

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