



VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY SPANISH HOUSE GENERAL INFORMATION

I. Eligibility

- Applicants are taking or will have completed at least SPAN 204 or have attained that level through other means (to be determined by placement exam score and/or consultation with VU Spanish faculty).
- Students who are heritage speakers (students who speak some Spanish at home) are encouraged to apply.
- Applications will be accepted from any student, regardless of major.
- Selection will be based on a combination of class standing, GPA, and capacity to contribute to the success of the Spanish House. Appropriate gender assignment within a room may also affect selection.

II. Rules and Expectations

- The same rules that govern other residence halls on campus are observed at the Spanish House, particularly with regard to alcohol and visitation (please refer to [policies established by Residential Life](#)). The Spanish House is a non-smoking facility.
- Residents of the Spanish House will speak in Spanish with one another in all common areas of Guild/Memorial Hall (living room, kitchen, and dining room), the Spanish table at Founders and the Language Resource Center (ASB 240). English may be used with non-Spanish speaking guests or visitors.
- Residents will assist in organizing regular Spanish Club meetings, whether at the Spanish House, the Language Resource Center or at another location on campus. Residents are expected to develop and participate in additional activities (at least three per month) that include non-residents and that promote the use of Spanish and the knowledge of Hispanic cultures.
- Residents are expected to have at least two weekly evening meals together at the Harre Union Founders Cafe, and to cook and have dinner as a group at least once or twice per month. The shopping, expenses, preparation, and hosting of these meals will be shared equally among the residents on a rotation basis. All Guild/Memorial Hall residents are required to have a meal plan. Since weekly meals are such an essential part of the Spanish House experience, students should plan their course schedules and extracurricular activities so as not to conflict with meal times.
- At least one Spanish-speaking RA will reside in the Spanish House. However, events and activities' organization and coordination is a collective task and a responsibility that all residents of the Spanish House share equally. In the Spanish House bi-weekly meetings, students must coordinate and distribute tasks to make sure the organizational goals are achieved. A good communication and coordination with members of the Spanish Club, L.I.V.E. and the Spanish faculty are crucial for the success of the Spanish House.
- For questions, please contact prof. Carlos Miguel-Pueyo, Spanish section head, at carlos.miguel-pueyo@valpo.edu.