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## 5 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD STUDY SPANISH

1. Spanish is the third most spoken language in the world, only behind Mandarin and English, and it is in second place in terms of native speakers. It is spoken by more than 500 million people.
2. Spanish is the second most employed language for international communication in the world and it is also one of the official languages in the United Nations and affiliated organizations.
3. Spanish is the third most used language on internet and is ranked second in two of the most widely used social networks in the world (Facebook, Youtube, LinkedIn, Wikipediá and Twitter).
4. Spain is in the top 3 most popular tourist destinations in the world. Many visitors combine tourism with learning the language, which can open doors to work and travel in the 21 countries where Spanish is the official language.
5. Don Qu jote de la Mancha by Cervantes is the second most translated book in the world after the Bible. Other famous writers in the Spanish-speaking world are Nobel Prize winner Gabriel García Márquez, Isabel Allende, Jorge Luis Borges or Pablo Neruda.

## 5 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD STUDY SPANISH AT HKU

1. HKU has been a pioneer in the teaching of Spanish as a foreign language in Hong Kong and is the only tertiary institution in Hong Kong offering a Major programme in Spanish.
2. Students of the Spanish Programme at HKU have access to credit earning internships in Spanish-speaking institutions such as Chambers of Commerce, Consulates and other companies.
3. HKU has exchange agreements with various universities in Spanish-speaking countries:
  - In Spain: Universidad de Navarra, Universidad Nebrija, Universidad de Alicante, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona
  - In Mexico: Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey (with 33 campuses) and Universidad de Monterrey
  - In Chile: Pontificia Católica Universidad de Chile.
  - In Uruguay: Universidad de Montevideo
4. The Spanish Programme at HKU has the support of many Spanish-speaking institutions such as Consulates and Chambers of Commerce as well as private companies in Hong Kong, collaborating in the organization of cultural events, providing awards and internship placements for HKU students, and generally helping in the promotion of the Spanish language and cultures.
5. The Spanish Programme at HKU has agreements with various Spanish universities who annually offer intensive summer course scholarships to deserving second year students (students must be taking SPAN2002 at the time of application for the scholarship).

For further details, please visit our web page:  
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## MAJOR IN SPANISH

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The BA Major in Spanish is open to all undergraduate students at the university. The objective of the programme is to bring participants to a high level of proficiency in the language and provide them with a sound knowledge of the societies and cultures of the Spanish-speaking world.

### Structure and Requirements

To complete a major in Spanish, students are expected to take a total of 72 credits with the following components:

#### First or Second Year (18 credits)

To declare a Major in Spanish, applicants must initially complete two introductory courses in their First or Second Year (**Spanish I.1** and **Spanish I.2**, first and second semesters, 6 credits respectively). Students are also required to complete an additional 6-credit Arts Faculty introductory course.

**NOTE:** Students with previous knowledge of Spanish are encouraged to apply for exemption from one or both foundation courses. For further information please contact the Spanish Programme Director

#### Second, Third and Fourth Years (54 credits)

In their second, third, and fourth years of study, students pursuing a Major in Spanish must take a total of 54 credits of Spanish courses which should normally be distributed as follows:

- 18-24 credits from courses at level 2XXX, of which 12 credits must be from the core language courses, i.e. SPAN2001 (**Spanish II.1**) and SPAN2002 (**Spanish II.2**).
- 30-36 credits from courses at level 3XXX or 4XXX, of which 12 credits must be from the core language courses, i.e. SPAN3001 (**Spanish III.1**) and SPAN3002 (**Spanish III.2**) and 6 credits from a capstone course (SPAN4003, SPAN4004 or SPAN4005). The three 'Capstone' courses are designed to allow students to advance their analytical thinking by permitting the application of disciplinary knowledge and principles learned in the first, second and third years.

Students will be strongly encouraged to participate in a 3 to 4 weeks' linguistic stay in Spain or a Spanish-speaking country during the summer or winter.

## MINOR IN SPANISH

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The Minor in Spanish is offered to students from all faculties at the university.

### Requirements

#### First or Second Year (12 credits)

12 credits from two foundation courses SPAN1001 (Sem. 1) & SPAN1002 (Sem. 2).

#### Second, Third & Fourth Years (24 credits)

6 credits from each of the core language courses: SPAN2001 and SPAN2002; SPAN3001 and SPAN3002.

Students will be strongly encouraged to participate in a 3 to 4 weeks' linguistic stay in Spain or a Spanish-speaking country during the summer or winter.

## MAJOR IN SPANISH

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### YEAR 1 OR 2 PREREQUISITES - 18 CREDITS

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- SPAN1001. Spanish I.1 (6 credits)
- SPAN1002. Spanish I.2 (6 credits)
- Any Arts Faculty introductory course (6 credits)

### YEAR 2 OR 3 - 24 CREDITS

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#### CORE COURSES (6 CREDITS EACH)

- SPAN2001. Spanish II.1
- SPAN2002. Spanish II.2

#### ELECTIVES (6 CREDITS EACH)

- SPAN2021. The sounds of Spanish: An introduction to Spanish phonetics and pronunciation
- SPAN2025. Spanish-writing workshop
- SPAN2027. Cultural icons from the Hispanic world
- SPAN2028. Spanish for professional purposes
- SPAN2029. Introduction to the Cultures and history of Latin America
- SPAN2030. Key topics in Spanish grammar: From theory to practice
- SPAN2031. Field trip to a Spanish-speaking country
- SPAN2032. Art in the Hispanic World: An Introduction

### YEAR 3 OR 4 - 30 CREDITS

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#### CORE COURSES (6 CREDITS EACH)

- SPAN3001. Spanish III.1
- SPAN3002. Spanish III.2

#### CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE COURSES (6 CREDITS EACH)

- SPAN4003. Developing autonomy in Spanish language learning
- SPAN4004. Hispanic research project
- SPAN4005. Internship for students of Spanish

#### ELECTIVES (6 CREDITS EACH)

- SPAN3021. The art of translation: From Spanish to English
- SPAN3023. Hispanic visual and literary cultures
- SPAN3026. Spanish in Latin America and bilingualism in the U.S.
- SPAN3028. Spanish for business and intercultural communication
- SPAN3031. Contemporary Spain: cultural and societal changes
- SPAN3119. Overseas immersion language course - Spanish
- SPAN4001. Spanish IV.1