SPANISH, MINOR

200 B.B. Comer Hall

Admission into the Minor

Students are expected to formally declare a minor by completing the Change of Major/Minor Application online under the Student tab of myBama. Students are strongly advised to meet with the department advisor each semester to plan their course of study.

The Spanish minor requires 15 hours at the 300 or 400 level between required courses and electives. A minimum of six (6) hours at the 300 or 400 level must be earned on the Tuscaloosa UA campus. Instruction of all courses must be in Spanish to be computed into the minor GPA. Minors must maintain a GPA average of 2.0. All courses are 3 credits. The Spanish minor can be completed in as little as two semesters, although generally at least three are recommended.

Code and Title Hours
Minor Courses
Select three of the following Cornerstone courses: 9
SP 353 or Spanish Conversation 1
SP 355 Spanish for Native Speakers
SP 356 Adv Grammar And Compos
SP 364 or Cultures of Spain
SP 366 Cultures of Latin America

Electives 2
Select two SP elective courses at the 300 or 400 level 6
Credit Hours Subtotal: 15

Ancillary Courses
The major and minor in Spanish require the successful completion of the courses below. Students may start directly at the 300 level provided they satisfy the requirements explained in the Course Placement section. Grades in ancillary courses are not computed into the minor GPA.

SP 101 Introductory Spanish I 3
SP 102 Introductory Spanish II 3
SP 201 Intermediate Spanish I 3
SP 202 Intermediate Spanish II 3
Credit Hours Subtotal: 12

Total Hours 27

Footnotes
1 Native or heritage speakers cannot take SP 353 Spanish Conversation; they must enroll in SP 355 Spanish for Native Speakers.
2 SP 361 Intro Romance Linguistic is taught in English and does not count towards the Spanish major or minor.

Course Placement

The course level at which students begin their study of Spanish is determined by the language placement score, AP score, and/or IB score. All students who do not have an AP or IB score should take the UA placement test. The UA placement test is available online at myBama.ua.edu by clicking on the search box and typing "Foreign Language Assessment."

For more detailed placement guidelines, see the College website or Spanish program website: https://mlc.ua.edu/spanish/undergraduate/course-placement/. 

Placement Credit received with grade of "Pass" (C- or better)
SP 101 No prior instruction in Spanish.
SP 102 UA placement test, or SP 101 completed at UA with a C- or higher, or an IB score of 4
SP 201 UA placement test, or SP 102 completed at UA with a C- or higher, or an IB score of 5, or an AP score of 3
SP 202 UA placement test, or SP 201 completed at UA with a C- or higher, or an IB score of 6, or an AP score of 4
SP 353 / SP 356 UA placement test, or SP 202 completed at UA with a C- or higher, or an IB score of 7, or an AP score of 5

Credit Option

Back credit petition: If placed above SP 101, students are potentially eligible to receive additional back credit upon written petition. Heritage language or bilingual students cannot receive back credit for SP 100-200 courses.

Grade Point Average

A 2.0 grade point average in the minor is required for completion of the degree. Please see the Grades and Grade Points section of this catalog for an explanation on grade point average calculations.

Upper-level Residency

A minimum of 12 hours of 300 or 400 level courses in the minor must be earned on this campus. Courses taken in UA summer programs (such as Spain and/or Colombia) may be used to satisfy the residency requirement.

Additional Minor Requirements

Students are responsible for ensuring that they have met all University, College, major, and minor requirements. However, each student must meet with an advisor in the minor department for academic planning and to be approved for registration each semester. College advisers are also available for additional assistance with College, and University requirements. For more details, regarding the completion of the Spanish minor, check the departmental website at https://mlc.ua.edu/spanish/undergraduate/minor/.