



Explora Español

Fall 2025

Overview

Why study Spanish?

- Refine and deepen Spanish language skills
- Explore and engage with Hispanic culture through film, texts, art, and discussion.
- Gain a competitive edge in future employment

Spanish Major and Minor

- Requirements
- Double major or additional minor options
- CLEP & waivers


Questions





Why Study Spanish?

Refine Language Skills

- Develop professional language skills, not just conversational
 - Improve writing proficiency and academic reading comprehension
 - Avoid common mistakes
 - Hone grammar constructions and use
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Why Study Spanish?


Explore Hispanic Culture

- Explore Hispanic film, literature, social media, history and more through college-level classes
- Discuss cultural topics with classmates
- Connect with other heritage and native speakers and build a sense of community—*Latinidad*—at Eastern



Why Study Spanish?

Competitive Employment Edge

- *Over the past decade, the demand for bilingual workers more than doubled.*
 - New American Economy. March 2017
 - *Spanish proficiency would benefit any job seeker.*
 - Matthew Kryzek, CT Dept of Labor Economist
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Why Study Spanish?

Competitive Employment Edge

- Employers look for standard metrics of proficiency
 - Earn the credentials—a college degree—that employers look for
 - If not, take a language proficiency test
 - Language Testing Institute (ACTFL) or DELE (Int'l standard) or ILR (self-test)





Spanish Program

Spanish Major

- 33 credits of Spanish, beyond introductory level
- Includes core language courses, as well as culture and conversation courses
- Internship or Study Abroad is required.

Spanish Minor

- 15 credits of Spanish, beyond introductory level

Medical Interpreting in Spanish

- Interdisciplinary minor (Spanish & Health Sciences)
- 18 credits in Health Sciences and Spanish

Sample Courses

- SPA 219 – Hispanic Screen Cultures
- SPA 222 – Spanish In and Thru Social Media
- SPA 310 & 311 – Advanced Spanish I & II
- SPA 314 – Latino/a Conversations
- SPA 315 – Spanish for Heritage Speakers
- SPA 317 – Hispanic Cultures
- SPA 404 – English-Spanish Translation & Interpretation
- SPA 415 – Spanish Medical Interpretation & Translation
- SPA 430 – Methods for Teaching Foreign Language
- SPA 495 – Internship at local non-profit or business



Compatibility with Other Fields of Study

With only 33 credits, one of the lowest at Eastern, a Spanish major is designed to be easily completed as **double major**. It pairs well with several other fields of study.

A sample of other disciplines commonly coupled with a Spanish major:

Criminology

41 credits



Health Sciences

52-60 credits



Social Work

57 credits



Psychology

47 credits



Business Admin

54 credits



Communication

39 credits



CLEP & Waivers

CLEP – College Level Examination Program

- What is it?
 - Testing program that evaluates current knowledge and awards college-level credit.
- Why take it?
 - Earn up to 12 credits
 - Get ahead on a major or minor
- Do credits transfer to Eastern?
 - Yes!
 - Score of 50 = 6 credits
 - Score of 63 = 9 credits
 - Score of 65 = 12 credits*
- How much does it cost?
 - \$197 for Eastern students
- Where do I take the test?
 - Can be taken in Academic Success Center on campus.
- Want to learn more?



CLEP & Waivers

Student Testimonial



Estoy muy agradecido de poder tomar el examen CLEP. Decidí cambiar mi concentración al español en mi tercer año asistiendo a Eastern. Para poder obtener los créditos que no pude hacer en mis primeros dos años, decidí hacer el examen CLEP. El examen fue muy fácil de completar. Conlleva un nivel bien simple de español. Yo tomé la versión que tenía la parte escrita y eso añadió 12 créditos hacia mi concentración. Eso me facilita graduarme a tiempo con mi concentración en español. Yo le recomiendo este examen a todos que lo quieran tomar. ¡Te ganas doce créditos por menos de 200 dólares! Es una gran oportunidad.

-Cesar Amaya '25

Other Resources on Campus

Advising Center

- Professional advisors can discuss educational plans for each major
- Assist in declaring major or minor
- Contact: advise@EasternCT.edu

Intercultural Center

- Mission to create a campus culture that values, embraces, and grows from diversity
- Sponsors programs throughout year
- Contact: Instagram [@Eastern_IC](https://www.instagram.com/Eastern_IC)



OLAS

- The Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS) supports the expression of Hispanic American culture in the University community.
- Contact: Instagram [@EasternOLAS](https://www.instagram.com/EasternOLAS)



Conclusion

Study Spanish

- Hone linguistic skills and deepen Hispanic cultural knowledge.
- Cultivate relationships fellow students and nurture a sense of *Latinidad* at Eastern
- Successfully pursue an exclusive Spanish degree *or* easily pair it with other field of study for enhanced career prospects.
- Professional benefits of studying Spanish in college.

Questions & Answers



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