

**Spanish Program**  
**Guidelines and Process for Course Approval**  
**for DU Partner Programs and Unaffiliated Programs**

The student should select courses and make plans following the process as described below. In the case of courses that are not pre-approved, the student runs the risk and takes responsibility for not having some of the courses taken approved toward the Spanish major or minor. Also note that Spanish Program study abroad advising takes place during the academic year, not during the summer. If a student chooses not to get courses approved by the end of the academic year, s/he might have to wait until the start of the following academic year at DU before receiving a response from a departmental study abroad advisor. In that case, there is no guarantee of courses being approved retroactively.

A final note: these are general course approval guidelines and the ultimate authority for course approval always resides with the designated Spanish Program study abroad advisor and not with the department chair, dean, any other faculty member or the staff in the Office of Internationalization.

**1. Major and minor requirements.**

A student considering a Spanish major or minor should consult the Spanish program webpage at: <http://www.du.edu/ahss/langlit/programs/spanish/index.html>.

Please see the Registrar's Office for a declaration of major form to be signed by a faculty advisor in the Spanish program.

**2. Finding appropriate courses and understanding criteria for course selection.**

**List of approved courses:** Please keep in mind that all courses should be approved prior to departure. As a first step, students should consult the list of approved courses available on the DU registrar's office webpage. Please search by country and program: [http://myweb.du.edu/mdb/du\\_bwcktart.P\\_DU\\_Choose\\_Geog\\_Area](http://myweb.du.edu/mdb/du_bwcktart.P_DU_Choose_Geog_Area)

**To request course approval:** If the courses the student would like to take are listed as approved on this site, s/he doesn't need to do anything and the courses will automatically be counted as part of the student's Spanish major or minor. However, if the student would like to take a course that is not listed in this system, s/he must request course approval through the study abroad course approval system, which is located here:

<http://www.du.edu/registrar/transfer-studyabroad/index.html>

Students are strongly encouraged to have their courses approved prior to departure to be sure the courses they take can count towards the major or minor. In the event that requests for course approval are not submitted prior to departure, during their time abroad or upon return students can request course approval by following the same process outlined above.

**\*\*\*Note on course registration and pre-requisites at DU:**

**When registering for Spanish courses upon their return, students should be aware of pre-requirements for each course. Students will not be allowed to register for or remain in courses without having completed the pre-requisite.**

**Comparable courses.** Courses must be academically substantive and be as much as possible comparable to the curriculum offered in the Spanish program as determined by the Spanish Program study abroad advisor, not the student.

- Classes in English, on topics such as cooking or dance or in other disciplinary areas such as Business, Art, Anthropology, Economics, etc. will not be approved for credit toward the Spanish major or minor. However, the student may receive elective DU credit for such courses.
- Credits on a DU Partner Program that a student would like to count towards general electives will be automatically approved and accepted as DU credit and do not need departmental approval. The student may also receive credit approval in another discipline, in which case the student will have to follow the designated department's procedure for study abroad credit approval. ALL classes taken on unaffiliated programs must be approved, even as general elective credit. Students should consult with the Spanish study abroad advisor to understand course approval requirements if they are intending to take Spanish coursework on an unaffiliated program.

**Course sequence.** Students are encouraged to take **no more than 2 different levels** of courses simultaneously while studying abroad. The various levels in the Spanish program are listed below, and note that each line of text below corresponds to a different level.

Span 2001

Span 2002

Span 2003

Span 2100 (Conversation and Composition)

Span 2300 (Iberian Culture and Civilization); Span 2350 (Latin American Cultures and Societies)

Span 3000 courses (literature or film courses on Spanish or Latin American topics)

For example: A student who took Span 2003 as the last course at DU prior to going abroad should take courses at the Span 2100 and/or Span 2300/2350 while abroad. These courses represent the following 2 levels in the curriculum and could be taken at the same time.

**3. General guidelines for approval of courses considered comparable to DU's Spanish program curriculum. Consult the Spanish program page to understand what courses might be comparable at:**

<http://www.du.edu/ahss/langlit/programs/spanish/index.html>.

• SPAN 2100 SPANISH CONVERSATION AND COMPOSITION

The course should be a "Conversation and Composition" class, or at least a "Composition" class for students who have taken four semesters or six quarters of Spanish. This course may be taken at the same time with a culture course comparable to SPAN 2300 or SPAN 2350.

An advanced conversation class cannot count as SPAN 2100.

• SPAN 2300 IBERIAN CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION

An overview of major trends in Spanish culture and history. The class should be as interdisciplinary as possible (history, politics, art, literature, architecture, music, etc.). A

course that focuses on the cultural history of just one region of Spain will not be approved. The pre-requisite is Span 2100 “Composition and Conversation” and it may be taken at the same time as this course. In addition to being a pre-requisite at DU, Span 2300 may be taken at the same time with a 3000 level course on Spanish literature. Note #2 above on course sequence.

- **SPAN 2350 LATIN AMERICAN CULTURE AND SOCIETIES**

An overview of major trends in the culture, history, and politics of several Latin America countries. A course that focuses on the cultural history of just one country will not be approved. The class should be as interdisciplinary as possible (history, politics, art, literature, architecture, music, etc.) The pre-requisite is Span 2100 “Composition and Conversation” and it may be taken at the same time as this course. In addition to being a pre-requisite, Span 2350 may be taken at the same time with a 3000 level course on Latin American literature. Note #2 above on course sequence.

- **SPANISH 3000 LEVEL CLASSES**

Only advanced or high-advanced classes may count as 3000-level classes. Consult the list of courses offered in the Spanish program in order to select courses that may be comparable and that can count toward the Spanish major or minor. As a general guide, students should select courses that focus on literature, film studies, or linguistics. Note that at DU SPAN 2350 or its equivalent is a pre-requisite for courses on Latin American literature and that Span 2300 or its equivalent is a pre-requisite for courses on Spanish literature. Note #2 above on comparable sequence.

**4. Credit for Analytic Inquiry and Society Requirement.**

Students may receive AI-Society credit approval while studying abroad if they take a course comparable to Span 2300 or Span 2350 and are able to meet the pre-requirement for the course. Courses taken in English will not be approved. Students must contact the designated Spanish Program study abroad advisor for course approval.

**5. Major and minor advising. For students seeking academic advising for the Spanish major or minor, please contact the appropriate advisor (listed below in point #6). Students should include the following information in their communication with the Spanish Program study abroad advisor:**

- a) Name of study abroad program and university.
- b) Statement regarding approval of credit to count toward the Spanish major or minor, as general elective credit, or credit toward the AI Society requirement.
- c) Course title, description and links to syllabus. The student should select one or two more courses to be pre-approved as alternative options in case a course is full or unavailable.
- d) All Spanish courses taken at DU at Span 2002-level and above.
- e) Information on Spanish AP and IB credits or transfer credits from other colleges or universities that may apply toward a Spanish major or minor.

Read the Spanish program webpage for information on transfer credit limits and the requirements for a major or a minor:

<http://www.du.edu/ahss/schools/langlit/programs/spanish/index.html>.

## **6. Spanish program study abroad advisors.**

\*\*\*Note: As of academic year 2015-2016, no study abroad courses from the University of Granada will be approved to count toward the Spanish major or minor.

- Sevilla, Alicante, and Granada (up to fall 2014) in Spain, contact Prof. Miriam Bornstein-Gómez: [Miriam.Bornstein@du.edu](mailto:Miriam.Bornstein@du.edu)
- All other sites in Spain, contact Prof. Susan Walter: [Susan.Walter@du.edu](mailto:Susan.Walter@du.edu)
- Latin America, contact Prof. Oscar Somoza: [Oscar.Somoza@du.edu](mailto:Oscar.Somoza@du.edu)