Lower-Division Major Requirements

The following courses are prerequisites to beginning your major in Spanish. They may be counted as electives. Check with your adviser to determine the possibility of a Proficiency Exam/ or proof of competency level in order to test out of the following courses.

- Elementary Spanish I
- Elementary Spanish II
- Intermediate Spanish I
- Intermediate Spanish II

The two courses below are the first two courses in the Spanish major and cannot be taken until you have completed Intermediate Spanish II. It is recommended that you complete them, if possible, in the first two years of study.

- Conversation/Composition I
- Conversation/Composition II

Advising Notes

There may be additional courses in your major which would transfer, or courses which could be substituted for one of the above. These may be established on a case by case basis. Please see an advisor at your transfer campus to explore those options.
For the six courses listed in the Lower Division Major Requirements section, the ACTFL (www.actfl.org) guidelines will be used as a baseline. Course titles, content coverage and credit hours will vary among schools. Whether the courses are classroom, hybrid, blended, or online, you must have proficiency in oral communication skills, as well as reading, writing, and listening, as described in the course content at each level in order to transfer the credits.

General Education Requirements

General Education courses are related to key academic disciplines and may be outside your field of study. To earn a SUNY AA/AS or bachelor’s degree, you must earn 30 credits in at least seven of the following ten skill areas, and demonstrate two competencies.

Skill Areas:

- Basic Communication (required)
- Mathematics (required)
- American History
- Other World Civilizations
- Foreign Language
- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- The Arts
- Natural Sciences
- Western Civilization

Competencies:

- Critical Thinking (required)
- Information Management (required)

General Education requirements vary by campus and by major. However, if you satisfy the SUNY General Education Requirement (SUNY-GER) area at one campus with a grade of C or higher, you will have met that SUNY-GER area at every other SUNY campus. Visit Campus Requirements to determine the skill areas required by each campus and the courses available within those areas.

Note: The lower division major requirements outlined in this document will be implemented for SUNY students entering Fall, 2015. Check with your campus advisor for more information regarding current requirements.

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