
FOREIGN LANGUAGES

FACULTY

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DEGREE PROGRAM

- BA in Spanish

UNDERGRADUATE MINOR

- Spanish

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

The Department of Foreign Language offers students an opportunity to gain practical working knowledge of one or more of 10 foreign languages. Students may choose any of these 10 languages offered by the department unless otherwise advised by the requirements of their academic major. Students who are continuing the study of foreign languages at Bridgewater State College should do so at the earliest opportunity.

The department offers an undergraduate major and minor in Spanish.

To maintain good standing, only grades of C- or better are allowed in each major course and in FL 324 and ED 424. Thirty to 36 semester hours are required for a Spanish major.

For all prerequisites, equivalent course credit or preparation will be considered.

The Department of Foreign Languages participates in the multidisciplinary minor in Canadian Studies. For specific information on these programs, consult the catalog section *Interdisciplinary and Preprofessional Programs*.

SPANISH MAJOR

To graduate with a major in Spanish, the student must take 30-36 credits of Spanish courses LS 252 and above. The following is a partial list of approved courses for the Spanish major.

- LS 252 Reading in Spanish
- LS 271 Patterns of the Spanish Language
- LS 272 Spanish Composition
- LS 281 Spanish Conversation and Phonetics
- LS 301 The Golden Age of Spanish Literature
- LS 310 Contemporary Latin American Short Story
- LS 320 Latin American Poetry
- LS 351 Cervantes
- LS 371 Advanced Spanish Conversation
- LS 381 The Middle Ages
- LS 391 Spanish Civilization
- LS 392 Spanish-American Civilization
- LS 400 Survey of Spanish Literature
- LS 401 Topics in Spanish Literature
- LS 402 Survey of Spanish-American Literature
- LS 403 Topics in Spanish-American Literature
- LS 404 Nineteenth Century Spanish Literature
- LS 410 Latin American Novel: Early Twentieth Century
- LS 420 The Contemporary Latin American Novel
- LS 451 Twentieth Century Spanish Literature
- LS 490 Seminar in Hispanic Literature
- LS 495 Seminar in Spanish-American Literature

A maximum of three credits in FL 498 Internship in Foreign Languages may be substituted for one course above with departmental approval.

A maximum of three credits earned in a Spanish course taught in English may be applied toward the Spanish major.

The following courses are not applicable towards the Spanish major:

- LS 210 Latin American Poetry in Translation
- LS 220 The Contemporary Latin American Novel in English Translation
- LS 230 Contemporary Latin American Short Story in Translation
- FL 300 Languages of the World

General Education Requirements (GER)

A minimum of 120 earned hours is required for graduation. These earned hours include General Education Requirements as specified in the Undergraduate Academic Programs section of this catalog. For additional graduation requirements, see the Undergraduate Academic Policies section of this catalog.

SACHEM consortium courses and study abroad are available for transfer purposes.

The Spanish major sequence is not available in the evening hours.

DOUBLE MAJOR WITH ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION OR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Students may choose a double major in Spanish and elementary education, early childhood education or special education for licensure purposes. Appropriate advising materials with suggested course sequences are available.

SPANISH MINOR

Spanish minors are required to take 18 semester hours in the foreign language, which may include the 101-102 level. The choice of subsequent courses may be determined in consultation with the department head.

A maximum of three credits earned in a Spanish course taught in English may be applied toward the Spanish minor.

The following courses are not applicable towards the Spanish minor:

- LS 210 Latin American Poetry in Translation
- LS 220 The Contemporary Latin American Novel in English Translation
- LS 230 Contemporary Latin American Short Story in Translation
- FL 300 Languages of the World

MINOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

Students with a minor in education must refer to the *Department of Secondary Education and Professional Programs* for specific requirements. Students intending to qualify for Spanish licensure should consult the chairperson of the Department of Foreign Languages as early as possible.

Education Core for 5-12 Licensure Program

- ED 210 Introduction to Teaching
- ED 235 Learning and Motivation
- ED 335 Assessment and Planning
- ED 445 Content Area Reading, Writing and Study Skills
- FL 324 Foreign/Second Language Applied Linguistics
- ED 424 Strategies for Teaching Foreign Language
- ED 490 Student Teaching Practicum

GER FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

All students must successfully complete one semester of a foreign language at the 102 level of the course. Students who are continuing the study of foreign languages at Bridgewater State College should do so at the earliest opportunity.

With the exception of advanced placement foreign language courses and foreign language CLEP exams, credit may not be granted to students exempt from one to two semesters of the general education requirement in foreign language because of study of three or more secondary levels of the same foreign language or because of a placement score. Students whose total credit hours fall below the minimum 120 required for graduation due to a foreign language exemption would need to take additional or free elective course work to meet this graduation requirement.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PLACEMENT POLICY

- **If you have completed four levels of foreign language in high school**
 - You are exempt from the Foreign Language General Education requirement
 - You may continue your study of foreign language by
 - taking the Foreign Language Placement Exam and taking further Foreign Language courses as designated by the Placement Exam
 - beginning a new foreign language and completing _101 and _102
- **If you have completed three levels of foreign language in high school with at least a C grade in level three**
 - You will automatically be placed in level _102 of the same language.
 - You may choose to begin a new foreign language and must complete _101 and _102.
 - You may take the Foreign Language Placement Exam for higher placement only.
- **If you have completed three levels of foreign language in high school with less than a C in**

level three

- You must take the Foreign Language Placement Exam and be placed accordingly.
- You may begin a new foreign language and must complete _101 and _102.
- **If it has been two or more years since you completed three levels of foreign language in high school**
 - You must take the Foreign Language Placement Exam and you may take _101 for credit if the exam places you in _101.
 - You may begin a new foreign language and complete _101 and _102.
- **If you are a transfer student from another college or university and**
 - You took a foreign language at your previous institution, your transfer credits and remaining foreign language general education requirement will be assessed upon admission to Bridgewater State College
 - You did not take a foreign language at your previous institution, your remaining general education foreign language requirement (should there be one) will be determined by your foreign language experience in high school, based on the guidelines above.
- **If your situation does not fit one of the categories above**
 - Contact the chairperson of Foreign Languages (Room 332, Tillinghast Hall, (508) 531-2455), for additional assistance.

Students who were exempt from foreign language study in high school or at previous colleges must go through a formal process to request a substitution of the foreign language requirement at Bridgewater. Students with appropriate documentation should meet with the learning disabilities specialist or the disability resources coordinator as early as possible to receive information on the process requirements.

HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program in Spanish provides highly motivated Spanish majors with opportunities to enhance their academic program through intensive scholarly study and research designed to be of assistance in post-graduate employment or in the pursuit of an advanced degree in Spanish. Contact the Department of Foreign Languages for further information concerning eligibility and application.

OVERSEAS STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

The Department of Foreign Languages urges its majors and minors to study abroad and can offer information on available study plans. The International Programs and Exchange Office, Student Affairs, can assist students. Any student contemplating study abroad should consult the department with all pertinent documentation. Final acceptance of credit will be determined upon receipt of official transcripts and supporting material and, in some cases, may not be equivalent to the credits earned in a regular semester or year at Bridgewater.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

The program is inactive.

Students interested in obtaining Massachusetts initial licensure should refer in this catalog to the program entitled “Accelerated Post Baccalaureate Program (APB): Initial Licensure for High School (Subject Areas: 8-12), Middle Level (Subject Areas: 5-8) and PreK-12 Specialists” under *Secondary Education and Professional Programs*.