

## Contact

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## Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
  - 2 Algebra I & II
  - 1 Geometry
  - 2 Lab Science (*including biology*)
  - 2 History/Social Studies
  - 2 Foreign Language (*same language or two years of American Sign Language-ASL*)
- Academic electives (*to equal at least 17 total credits*)

*To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.*

## Major Requirements

- Demonstration of listening comprehension, oral, reading and writing proficiency (best demonstrated through SPA 305-306).
- Students who have not received at least a *B* in SPA 306 may be required to take a test in language skills. If necessary, further language work may be advised; majors should graduate with ACTFL **advanced** level skills in all four areas.
- 30 credits in 300 and 400 level courses designated SPA
- Minimum of 12 credits of 400 level Spanish courses
- SPA 307 or 308 (or equivalent); SPA 301 also recommended.
- Highly recommended: HTY 109 and other Latin American history courses
- Capstone in Spanish (MLC 499); this may count toward the 30 credits.
- NB: Students completing a Spanish major and the Honors program will normally be expected to write the Honors thesis in Spanish.

## Minor Requirements

- A minimum of 18 credit hours in Spanish, 12 of which are above the intermediate level (SPA 204).

*120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation*

## College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

## Program Description

Courses are offered in Spanish language, literature, linguistics, film, and culture. Several have an applied or service-learning component. Many programs throughout the University of Maine require or recommend the successful completion of 6 credit hours of a foreign language, or proven proficiency in a foreign language through the intermediate level as an integral component of their majors. Students planning to teach a foreign language need to complete a major program in the department, as well as 18 credit hours in a subject commonly taught in high school (i.e., history, English, mathematics, etc.)

Within the framework of courses on Spanish language, linguistics, literature, and culture, the Spanish Program includes courses with a Latin American focus, which address historical and contemporary Latino/Hispanic experience, including in Maine migrant communities. There is opportunity through internships and study abroad for “authentic” language situations in ecology, business, the sciences, and the health professions. Future teachers have access to courses leading to Spanish teaching certification, including MLC 466: The Teaching of Modern Languages.

There are several study abroad options for Spanish students. UMaine has a direct exchange with the Universidad de Santiago de Compostela in Galicia (Spain). There is an exchange with Chile and the CIEE Program sends students to Seville and Alicante. Groups of students may spend alternative spring break in Honduras. We also have ties with Argentina and the Dominican Republic. Students in Nursing have the opportunity to go to Nicaragua each spring for intensive service; Spanish study is an excellent preparation for this service learning opportunity. All students (not just language majors or minors) are encouraged to make study abroad part of their educational experience.

The International Affairs/Spanish major combines 24 credit hours above intermediate level in Spanish with course work in anthropology, economics, history, and political science. There is also an IA/Latin American Studies track.

The Spanish Minor. The Spanish minor combines well with programs such as Business Administration (international business), Education, Engineering, Health Professions, Sciences, and the Arts, and Social Work.

## Career Opportunities

Career options for students majoring in Spanish include: teachers, study abroad coordinators, travel consultants, translators, hotel services, international corporations, higher education admissions counselors, communications and journalism, and law. Knowledge of a foreign language enhances job possibilities in every field: library sciences, medical and social services. In a global society, the knowledge of another language and culture is of increased importance in finding employment.

Graduates from this MAINE program have entered such positions as: NASDA Licensing Technician, New England Mutual Life Insurance; Language Consultant, Inlingua School of Languages; Cartographer, James W. Sewell Company; Linguist, National Security Agency; Foreign Language Teacher, Chewonki Foundation; Admissions Counselor, University of Maine at Fort Kent; Chief of Telecommunications, The Lafayette Hotel; Teacher, Peace Corps; Director, Young and Alive Daycare Center; Spanish Teachers K-12 throughout Maine; Admissions Counselor, Westbrook College, AmeriCorps VISTA.

## General Education Requirements\*

ENG 101	College Composition
18 credits	Human Values & Social Context area ( <i>a single course may satisfy more than 1 sub-category, but a total of 18 credits must be completed</i> ) Western Cultural Tradition Social Context & Institutions Cultural Diversity & International Perspectives Population & the Environment Artistic & Creative Expression
2 courses	Designated Writing Intensive ( <i>1 must be within the major</i> )
2 courses	Biological or Physical Sciences ( <i>must include at least 1 laboratory course</i> )
1 course	Ethics ( <i>emphasis on discussion of ethical issues in 1 course or series of courses</i> )
6 credits	Mathematics ( <i>including statistics &amp; some computer science, only 3 credits in computer science can count toward this requirement</i> )
1 capstone	An approved experience in which the student integrates the components of his or her undergraduate training to perform at a professional level. The capstone experience is usually completed during the senior year in consultation with the student's academic advisor.

*\*All UMaine students must complete these general education requirements, which are counted in the total credit hours required for graduation and may be contained in the Major Requirements previously listed.*

## Specialized Information

The department also offers a minor in French, German, Latin, or Spanish. The minors are open to all undergraduate, degree-seeking University of Maine students and require the completion of 18 credit hours of coursework in the desired minor.

All students, not only foreign language majors, are strongly encouraged to study abroad for a period of time during their undergraduate career. Among the most popular and successful opportunities are the CIEE Program at Rennes, France; Junior Year Abroad in Salzburg, Austria; and the CIEE Program in Seville and Alicante, Spain; as well as Argentina and the Dominican Republic.

Students may also major in French and Spanish and take the appropriate classes leading to an M.B.A. in the program which was developed in cooperation with the College of Business, Public Policy and Health.

## Graduate Study

Graduates have also gone on for a Master of Arts or Doctor of Philosophy degree at such institutions as Rutgers, Cornell, the State University of New York at Buffalo, the University of Illinois, Bowling Green State University, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Purdue University, the University of California and Harvard.

In addition, graduates have received prestigious Fulbright Grants to study in Europe. Some former students have received advanced degrees in Literature and Language, others in Linguistics, Bilingual Education and Pedagogy.

Our students have gone on to teach in high schools and universities throughout the country.

### Academic Programs 2008-2009

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