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The study of Spanish is a natural complement to studies in international relations, international business, sociology, political science, history, development studies, anthropology, contemporary Europe, and more.

Studying Spanish at ANU opens the door for you to excel at a major international language. With more than 400 million speakers globally, Spanish is the second most widely spoken native language in the world (after Mandarin) and is one of the official languages of the United Nations, the Mercosur, the European Union and the African Union. Spanish is a language rich in literature, significant in international affairs and trade and, in the Australian context, a vibrant community language with close to 170,000 speakers, making it the 9th most widely spoken language other than English in the 2021 national census.

Through studying Spanish at ANU, you will develop the skills necessary to communicate and function in Spanish in a wide range of environments. You will critically engage with critically engage with culture, history, politics and society from Latin America and

Spain, and develop an understanding of linguistic, social, political, economic and cultural issues.

Students can begin their Spanish major or minor at any level, and those with a background in Spanish can take a more specialised minor in Advanced Spanish.

Immersion experiences

Students are encouraged to pursue the exciting opportunities to study overseas at one of our partner universities in Spain or Latin America. You can apply for an Ethel Tory Scholarship to support your study and travel while you are a student at ANU. There is also the possibility of undertaking an internship at a Spanish-speaking embassy in Canberra.

Career options

Graduates in Spanish go on to fulfilling careers in a wide range of areas, including working in education, publishing houses, government departments and international agencies, journalism, tourism, and a wide range of enterprises that deal with the Spanish-speaking world.



Amy

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws

Majors: International Relations and Spanish

I moved to ANU from Ballina on the far north coast of NSW. I love the experience of living on campus and I have met people from all over Australia and the world.

I chose ANU because of its fantastic international reputation in my areas of study — International Relations, Languages (Spanish), and Law. I decided to study a combined program because I felt it allowed me to study all of my interests. I am really interested in the reasons why countries interact with each other the way they do.

I hope to one day travel the globe using the skills I have gained from my degree and the life-skills I have gained from living on campus and meeting people from a variety of backgrounds and cultures.

Study Program

Students who study Spanish:

- learn to communicate proficiently and confidently in Spanish, up to an advanced level;
- engage with authentic media, from literary texts to film to news, graphic novels, podcasts, and music;
- recognise the importance of intercultural communication;
- gain a critical understanding of the cultural and linguistic aspects of Spanish language and societies;
- make connections between the Spanish language and its geographical, social and cultural origins.

ANU offers an outstanding variety of programs that cater to all students interested in studying a language.

Courses are offered from beginners to advanced levels, with various enrolment options catering for students with different language-learning experiences.

Students may choose to study Spanish within a Bachelor of Arts or within a specialised program such as the Bachelor of Languages, Bachelor of International

Relations or Bachelor of International Security Studies. Students may also combine any of these Bachelor degrees with other degrees on offer at ANU through the Flexible Double degree program, and may combine the BA with an MA in a range of areas in a Vertical Double degree. Spanish may be studied as a major (8 courses), a minor (4 courses), an advanced minor (4 advanced courses), or an elective (single courses). We offer Honours in Spanish, and postgraduate options are also available.

Core language and culture courses are offered at four different levels:

- Introduction to Spanish
- Intermediate Spanish
- Continuing Spanish
- Advanced Spanish

Later year thematic courses provide students the opportunity to delve deeper into the Spanish-speaking world through the study of literary and cultural studies, and Hispanic linguistics offered by experts in Spanish and Latin American film, literature, and linguistics. Some of these courses include:

- History of the Spanish Language
- A Literary Journey around the Hispanic World
- Picturing Latin America and Spain
- Violence and Power in Hispanic Literature
- Romance Linguistics

Prizes and scholarships

There are a number of scholarships available to current ANU students to help with the cost of your studies. Donors and benefactors, external organisations and the Australian Government fund many of the scholarships we offer. Visit the ANU scholarships and page to find out more: anu.edu.au/students/scholarships

Flexible Double Degrees

As part of a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Languages, a Spanish major can be combined with other Art and Social Science degrees as well as with degrees in Law, Business, Science or Engineering and Computer Science as part of the ANU Flexible Double Degree program.

For a full list of degree combinations see anu.edu.au/study/study-options/flexible-double

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