Bachelor of Art in Spanish

Howard University

College of Arts & Sciences

Catalog: Fall 2023 – Present

Quick Summary - What You Need to Graduate

Total Credits	Minimum GPA	Spanish Credits	Last 30 Credits
120	2.0	30	At Howard

Your Degree Breakdown:

- Major Requirements: 30+ Spanish credits (12+ courses)
- General Education: 60+ credits (approximately 24 courses)
- Math Requirements: MATH 005 or higher (3-4 credits)
- Free Electives: 42 credits to reach 120 (General Electives)
- Complete all 7 ELOs (can overlap with courses)
- Experiential Learning Course & Innovative Learning Requirement
- Undergraduate Comprehensive Exam

Important: Double-Dipping Made Simple!

One course can fulfill BOTH a General Education requirement AND an Essential Learning Outcome (ELO) at the same time. You don't need separate courses for each! This helps you graduate efficiently without taking extra classes.

Major credits **cannot** be double dipped with minor credits. Minors require **15-18 credits that are not applied to their major requirements**. Minor coursework must remain distinct and separate from major coursework.

University-Wide Requirements

- **Minimum GPA:** 2.0 for all undergraduate coursework

- **Residency:** Complete last 30 credits at Howard University
- **Exit Requirement:** Undergraduate Comprehensive Exam
- **Total Credits:** 120 credits required

General Education Requirements (30 Credits / ~15 Courses)

Essential Learning Outcomes (ELOs)

- Students must complete courses covering all seven outcome areas. Remember, these can overlap with other requirements!
- **ELO 1:** U.S. and Global African Diasporic Developments
- **ELO 2:** Human Cultures and Creative Expression
- **ELO 3:** The Physical and Natural World
- **ELO 4:** Intellectual and Practical Skills
- **ELO 5:** Social Responsibility and Political Institutions
- **ELO 6:** Leadership and Applied Learning
- **ELO 7:** Comprehensive Wellness Practices
- **Note:** ELO courses are tagged in Bison Hub under the course description

Freshman Experience (1 Credit / 1 Course)

- **FRSM 001 -** Freshman Seminar (1 credit)

Core Writing & Communication (12 Credits / 4 Courses)

- **ENGW 101, 102, or 104 -** First-Year English Writing I (3 credits)
- **ENGW 103 or 105 -** First-Year English Writing II (3 credits)
- **Third Writing Course -** Upper-level writing (3 credits)
- **Principles of Speech (AS) -** (3 credits)

Health & Wellness (2 Credit / 1 Course)

- HHPL Activity/Health (2 credits)

Mathematics Requirements (3-4 Credits / 1 Course)

- **MATH 005 or higher** - (3-4 credits)

Cultural and Global Awareness (12 Credits / 4 Courses)

- **African American Cluster Course -** 1 course (3 credits)
- **Foreign Language -** 3 courses (9 credits total, same language) Spanish 001-004 if student is not exempted from one or more of these courses, prior to enrolling in Spanish major/minor courses (SPAN 040 and above).

Humanities & Social Sciences (12 Credits / 4 Courses)

- **Two Humanities Courses -** 2 courses (3 credits each)
- **Two Social Science Courses -** 2 courses (3 credits each)

Natural Sciences (3-4 Credits / 1 Course)

- **Natural Science Course** - (3-4 credits)

COAS Special Requirements

Experiential Learning (1 course required)

Examples of COAS Experiential Learning Course but are not limited to:

- SPAN 390
- Any 890 course
- Study abroad

Innovative Learning Requirement (1 course required)

- ☐ Complete at least one course marked as 'innovative'

Note: COAS Special Requirements courses are tagged in Bison Hub under the course description

Free Electives (30 credits / 10 Courses)

Spanish Major Requirements (30+ Credits)

Language Skills Courses (9 credits / 3 Courses)

Required for all Spanish majors

- **SPAN 040** - Grammar Structures (3 credits)
- **SPAN 050** - Oral Communication I (3 credits)
- **SPAN 052** - Reading & Writing (3 credits)

Literary & Cultural Analysis (3 Credits / 1 Course)

- **SPAN 060** - Textual Analysis (3 credits)

Culture & Identity Courses (9 Credits / 3 Courses)

- **SPAN 080 OR SPAN 081** – Diversity and Unification in Spain OR Contemporary Spain (3 credits)
- **SPAN 083 or SPAN 084** - Formation of Hispanic America or Contemporary Hispanic America (3 credits) SPAN 083 or SPAN 084 Formation of Hispanic America OR…
- **SPAN 085** - Hispano-Africana Cultural Production (3 credits)

Spanish Electives (9 + credits/ 3+ Courses)

Choose courses from approved Spanish electives

- **Spanish Elective** - (3 credits)
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Sample Degree Progress Checklist

Always consult with your academic advisor for personalized guidance

First Year: Fall Semester (15 credits)

- ☐ FRSM 001 - Freshman Seminar (1 credit)
- ☐ ENGW 101/102/104 - First Year Writing I (3 credits)
- ☐ SPAN 040 - Grammar Structures (3 credits) or SPAN 001-004 (3 credits) if not exempted from one or more of these courses
- ☐ Humanities Course (3 credits)
- ☐ Social Science Course (3 credits)
- ☐ HHPL Course (2 credits)

First Year: Spring Semester (15 credits)

- ☐ ENGW 103/105 - First Year Writing II (3 credits)
- ☐ SPAN 050 - Oral Communication I (3 credits) or SPAN 001-004 (3 credits) if not exempted from one or more of these courses.
- ☐ African American Cluster Course (3 credits)
- ☐ Social Science Course (3 credits)
- ☐ Any non-Spanish course (3 credits)

Second Year: Fall Semester (15-16 credits)

- ☐ SPAN 052 - Reading & Writing (3 credits) or SPAN 001-004 (3 credits) if not exempted from one or more of these courses.
- ☐ MATH 005 or higher (3-4 credits)
- ☐ Natural Science Course (3-4 credits)
- ☐ Two non-Spanish courses

Second Year: Spring Semester (15 credits)

- ☐ SPAN 060 - Textual Analysis (3 credits) or SPAN 001-004 (3 credits) if not exempted from one or more of these courses.
- ☐ Natural Science Course (3-4 credits)
- ☐ Humanities Course (3 credits)
- ☐ Free Elective Course (3 credits)
- ☐ Any non-Spanish course

Third Year: Fall Semester (15 credits)

- ☐ SPAN 080/081 - Diversity and Unification in Spain OR Contemporary Spain (3 credits)
- ☐ SPAN 085 - Hispano-Africana Cultural Production (3 credits)
- ☐ 3rd Writing Course (3 credits)
- ☐ Free Elective Course (3 credits)

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Third Year: Spring Semester (15 credits)

- ☐ SPAN 083/084 – Formation of Hispanic America OR Contemporary Hispanic America (3 credits)
- ☐ Communication - Principles of Speech (3 credits)
- ☐ Free Elective Course (3 credits)
- ☐ Experiential Learning Course (3 credits)
- ☐ Any general elective or Spanish elective course

Fourth Year: Fall Semester (15 credits)

- ☐ Spanish Elective (3 credits)
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- ☐ Free Elective Course (3 credits)
- ☐ General Elective (3 credits)
- ☐ Innovative Learning Course (3 credits)

Fourth Year: Spring Semester (15 credits)

- ☐ Spanish Elective (3 credits)
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- ☐ Complete Undergraduate Comprehensive Exam
- ☐ Apply for graduation

Key Requirements

- **Minimum Major GPA:** 2.0
- **Credits in Spanish:** 36+ minimum
- **Foreign Language:** SPAN 001-004 (if student is not exempted for one or more of these courses) prior to enrolling in Spanish major/minor courses (SPAN 040 and above).
- **Mathematics:** MATH 005 or higher required
- **Residency:** Last 30 credits at Howard University
- **General Education:** Must span at least 4 different disciplines

Important Notes

- **Language Skills:** Complete SPAN 040, 050, and 052 to build language proficiency.
- **Cultural Studies:** SPAN 060, 085, 086, 087, 089, and 890 explore African diaspora connections in Hispanic cultures.
- **Regional Focus:** Choose between Spanish or Latin American tracks for civilization courses.
- **Foreign Language:** Must complete or be exempted from Spanish 001-004 prior to enrolling in Spanish major/minor courses (SPAN 040 and above). Speak with Spanish Coordinator after completing 004 to determine scheme for graduation.
- **Minimum Minor GPA:** 2.0 **if declared** (15 credits minimum)
- **Grades:** To pass a Spanish course as a major or minor (SPAN 040 and above), students must score a grade of C or better.
- **Study Abroad:** Consider study abroad opportunities in Spanish-speaking countries.
- Consult with your academic advisor each semester for course planning.

Resources

- **Academic Advisor:** Contact Office of Undergraduate Studies for assignment
- **Department Office:** Spanish Department, College of Arts & Sciences
- **Research Opportunities:** Speak with faculty about research positions and independent study
- **Experiential Learning:** Connect with the Career Center and department for internship opportunities
- **Graduate School Advising:** Meet with faculty advisors if considering graduate programs