

# Suggested Student Pathway – Major in Spanish

Possible directions of studies:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 (or Year 4)	Year 4
<p><b>Learn and practice Spanish</b></p> <p><b>Course requirements</b></p> <p>NOTE: All language courses in the Spanish programme are aligned with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)</p>	<p>Start with “SPAN1001 Spanish I.1”, and “SPAN1002 Spanish I.2”, two introductory language courses designed to introduce you to the world of Spanish language and Spanish-speaking cultures. The weekly oral tutorials in small groups will help you practise what you have learnt in class. By the end of semester 2 you will be at an A2.1 level, upper beginner. Detailed syllabi of all courses are available on our webpage: <a href="http://www.spanish.hku.hk">www.spanish.hku.hk</a></p> <p>Students in their second year of studies can also take these courses since a Major / Minor in Spanish can be completed in 3 years.</p> <p>And if you have learnt Spanish before entering HKU, you may take a placement test and start in more advanced courses. To declare a Major/Minor in Spanish, you will need to take other courses in lieu of year-1 courses that you didn't take.</p>	<p>Continue with your Spanish language classes: “SPAN2001 Spanish II.1” and “SPAN2002 Spanish II.2”. These are core courses for Major and Minor students.</p> <p>During your second year of Spanish studies, you will deepen your linguistic and cultural knowledge of the Spanish-speaking world and will work towards reaching a B1.1 level.</p> <p>Courses in the Spanish Programme are designed to enhance language proficiency and critical thinking skills, and provide a deeper understanding of historical and contemporary issues facing Spanish-speaking communities.</p> <p>If you are majoring in Spanish this is the year where you can start taking Spanish electives. Other students can also enroll in these courses as free electives if they satisfy the language level required. You can take SPAN2025 in semester 1 and follow on with other electives such as SPAN2027, SPAN2028, SPAN2029, SPAN2030, SPAN2031 or SPAN2032 in semester 2 depending on your interests. Most of our courses are in Spanish, but not all of them.</p>	<p>Take “SPAN3001 Spanish III.1” and “SPAN3002 Spanish III.2” to continue your journey into language learning. These are the final core courses for Major and Minor students and they will take you to a level B2.1.</p> <p>If you are majoring in Spanish, you can add other electives such as SPAN3021, SPAN3023, SPAN3026, SPAN3028, SPAN3031 and SPAN3119. You can also take some level 2 electives if you could not do so in your second year of studies. Level 2 courses available to students in year 3 are SPAN2027, SPAN2029, SPAN2030, SPAN2031 and SPAN2032. Other students can also enroll in these courses as free electives if they satisfy the language level required.</p>	<p>There are no language core courses in the fourth year of studies but if you wish to continue with your Spanish language learning you may choose to take “SPAN4001 Spanish IV.1”, which completes B2 level. This may be relevant if you are thinking of pursuing further studies abroad as Universities in the Spanish-speaking world require a B2 level of Spanish in order to be admitted to their PG programs.</p> <p>You can complete any outstanding electives by choosing any of the level 3 electives or even level 2 electives (except for SPAN2025 and SPAN2028)</p> <p>If you are majoring in Spanish, you must take a capstone course in your final year. The Spanish Programme has three different capstone courses designed to cater for different interests and goals. You can choose between SPAN4003, SPAN4004, and SPAN4005,</p>

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<b>Dive into the culture</b>	<p>In our programme, culture is embedded into all the courses but particularly in advanced courses from years 2 (semester 2), 3 and 4. Students develop intercultural and global competences.</p> <p>The Spanish Programme also organizes events throughout the year such as film festivals, talks, exhibitions, discussions, etc. with guests from Spanish-speaking countries.</p>	<p>You can volunteer to help with the organization of Spanish Programme events, and this can be an excellent networking opportunity.</p> <p>If you are considering further studies or a career abroad you could benefit from taking SPAN2031, Field trip to a Spanish-speaking country. The Faculty of Arts offers the Faculty Global Exploration Fund to Arts students taking this course.</p> <p>You should also consider taking an intensive summer language course in a Spanish-speaking country. After completion you can apply for SPAN3119 the following year. The Spanish Programme has several summer course scholarships which cover the tuition fees. The Consulate of Spain in Hong Kong also has a number of awards for students completing SPAN2002 which can subsidize the summer course costs.</p>	<p>Continue participating and volunteering with the organization of cultural and academic events organized by the Spanish Programme</p> <p>If you have taken a summer intensive course in a Spanish-speaking country, you can apply for SPAN3119 in semesters 1 or 2 and get recognition from HKU for the work you have done in the summer. You can also consider doing an internship in a Consulate, a Chamber of commerce, a company or bank during semesters 1 or 2 and then apply for SPAN4005, our internship course (which can be taken as a capstone or elective).</p> <p>You can also enrol in other electives with a more in-depth focus on linguistics, culture, literature and film, translation, etc. Check out the offerings on the Spanish Programme website (<a href="http://www.spanish.hku.hk">www.spanish.hku.hk</a>)</p>	

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<b>After-class activities</b>	<p>The Spanish Society is a student-led Association open to all HKU students. They organize events throughout the year to promote Spanish language and culture.</p> <p>The Spanish Programme organizes events throughout the year such as Film festivals, talks, exhibitions, discussions, etc. with guests from Spanish-speaking countries.</p> <p>There are other groups outside HKU which you can join in order to make friends and develop your language skills (Spanish meet-up) and Spanish-speaking consulates also organize events open to the community at large.</p>	<p>Get involved with the Spanish Society.</p> <p>Join a Spanish meet-up group to practise the language and make friends.</p> <p>You can choose to get more involved with Spanish Programme activities by volunteering to help out with events at the university. You can also help out with the organization of events by Spanish-speaking Consulates in Hong Kong. This, in turn, can lead to an internship opportunity.</p>	<p>Continue getting involved with Spanish Programme activities by volunteering to help out with events at the university. You can also help out with the organization of events by Spanish-speaking Consulates in Hong Kong. This, in turn, can lead to an internship or job opportunity.</p> <p>You can consider attending face-to-face or virtual events held in Spanish-speaking countries such as academic conferences, webinars and workshops.</p>	
<b>Other suggestions</b>	<p>You can start your journey into the Spanish-speaking world by attending events, joining groups and getting to know Spanish-speaking people living and working in Hong Kong.</p> <p>Talk to teachers and classmates.</p>	<p>Helping with the organization and running of events in Spanish-speaking Chambers of Commerce can help develop links which can then lead to internship opportunities.</p> <p>Teachers from the Spanish Programme can provide advice on Study Paths and work and study opportunities.</p>	<p>Where can you go with a Major in Spanish? You could consider pursuing Master studies or develop a career in the fields of Hospitality and Tourism, Translation, Public Relations, Teaching, etc.</p> <p>If you are thinking of pursuing a career in teaching you may consider obtaining a teaching certification in Spanish as a Foreign Language. You can also take up a Masters in the Teaching of Spanish as a Foreign Language in a Spanish-speaking country</p> <p>Joining Spanish Programme activities and helping with and attending outside organization events can be an opportunity to establish links. This can, in turn, become a job opportunity in Hong Kong and even outside Hong Kong (in the case of multinational companies).</p> <p>Teachers from the Spanish Programme can provide advice on work and study opportunities.</p>	

Please also refer to the [“Programme Learning Outcomes”](#) of this major. This suggested student pathway is for reference only.