

# FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE - Spanish



College of Arts and Sciences • Department of Foreign Languages and Literature

## Degrees Available at SIUE

- B.A., Spanish
- B.S., Secondary Education Teacher Certification in Spanish
- Minor
- Focus

## Why Foreign Languages and Literature: Spanish?

A Bachelor's degree in Spanish enables students to travel to or live in another country for work or to communicate with Spanish-speaking people in the United States. It also prepares students for success in the global marketplace and expands career horizons. Secondary Education Teacher Certification in Spanish is an ideal degree for students who have an interest in Spanish language and culture and who desire to infuse others with their passion through teaching.

## Spanish at SIUE

Ample opportunities exist for students to develop proficiency through weekly "conversation hours" and computer-assisted learning in a state-of-the-art language lab. Department faculty also closely mentor students and help coordinate optimal student teaching opportunities. Language students are encouraged to study abroad.

Students seeking to teach Spanish at the high school level may simultaneously earn a B.A. degree in Spanish at SIUE, as well as their Secondary Education Teacher Certification. Students who declare themselves as teacher candidates must demonstrate advanced proficiency in order to meet requirements for teaching.

## Career Outlook

Foreign language teachers are in high demand. In many cities demand outpaces supply as teachers are lured away to use their language skills in the global business world. Spanish is among the most needed and requested foreign languages.

The U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics also predicts a growth in the number of non-English speaking students, which will increase demand for bilingual teachers.

## Admission Requirements

Students wishing to declare a major must satisfy the following requirements:

- Complete all Academic Development courses required by the University.
- Complete any required courses to address high school deficiencies.
- Achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 in courses completed at SIUE.

## Exit Requirements

**SPAN 201, 202, 301, 302, 300-400 level elective courses (18 hours), 400**

Advanced electives will normally include at least two courses in culture and two in literature. 400 is usually taken during the last semester of major course work.

## Secondary Education Teacher Certification Program

Students seeking secondary education teacher certification will complete the following in addition to major requirements: FL 486 Professional Education Courses; Oral Proficiency Interview

*\*Note: A "B" (3.0) average in the major is required for secondary education teacher certification. In order to register for student teaching in foreign languages (CI 352g), students must successfully complete a student teaching interview.*



## Faculty

### Professors

**Belinda Carstens-Wickham, (Chair), Ph.D.**

1980, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

**Joan D. Mann, Ph.D.**

1987, University of Florida

**Geert Pallemans, Ph.D.**

1992, Florida State University

### Associate Professors

**Douglas Simms, Ph.D.**

2003, University of Texas, Austin

**Mariana Solares, Ph.D.**

1997, University of California, Irvine

### Assistant Professors

**Olga Bezhanova, Ph.D.**

2008, Yale University

**Joaquin Florido Berrocal,**

2009, Johns Hopkins University

**Thomas Lavallee, Ph.D.**

2004, Washington University

**Carolina Rocha, Ph.D.**

2001, University of Texas, Austin

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## Sample Four-Year Curriculum - BA

	FALL	SPRING
YEAR 1	<b>SPAN 101</b> Elementary Spanish I (4) ENG 101 English Composition I (3) Introductory Fine Arts & Humanities (3) Introductory Social Sciences (3) Introductory Natural Sciences & Math (3) Total 16	<b>SPAN 102</b> Elementary Spanish II (IC) (4) ENG 102 English Composition II (3) STAT 107, PHIL 106, MATH 106, FL 106, CS 108, or CMIS 108 (3) Introductory General Education (3) Introductory General Education (3) Total 16
YEAR 2	<b>SPAN 201</b> Intermediate Spanish I (4) Distribution Fine Arts & Humanities (3) Distribution Natural Sciences & Math (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) Total 16	<b>SPAN 202</b> Intermediate Spanish II (4) Distribution Social Sciences (3) Intergroup Relations (IGR) (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) Total 16
YEAR 3	SPAN 301 Advanced Spanish (4) Spanish Elective (300-400 level) (3) Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) Total 16	SPAN 302 Advanced Spanish (4) Spanish Elective (300-400 level) (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) Total 13
YEAR 4	SPAN Elective (300-400 level) (3) SPAN Elective (300-400 level) (3) Elective (3) Elective (4) Total 13	SPAN 400 Senior Essay (3) SPAN Elective (300-400 level) (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) Total 15

**TRANSFER STUDENTS** Maximize your transfer experience - complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer **AND** satisfy the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS, or AAT (early childhood, special ed, or math) degree from an IAI community college. If 'Minor' requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Transfer Credit Equivalency Guides are located at [siue.edu/transfer/](http://siue.edu/transfer/)

In order to be admitted into the teacher certification program, students must have:

- Received a grade of C or above in **ENG 101** and **ENG 102**
- Completed 43 semester hours of course credit and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher (this includes work at other institutions)
- Successfully completed the introductory course **CI 200**
- **Passed the ICTS Basic Skills Test.** Information about this test is available at [www.icts.nesinc.com](http://www.icts.nesinc.com)

BA degree requires two semesters of same foreign language.

### Other Foreign Language Programs at SIUE

French, German, Focus in Chinese (Italian, Arabic, Yoruba, Greek, and Latin course work available)

### Academic Advising Information

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