Bachelor of Arts in Spanish

Expand the borders of your mind and world.

THE RIVIER UNIVERSITY ADVANTAGE

Bilingualism is a distinct advantage in today’s job market, as advancing globalization creates more international exchanges, multi-ethnic and multicultural communities and consumers. Rivier’s Spanish program explores the breadth of Spanish language, culture, literature, and film. Immersion experiences provide opportunities for language practice and proficiency and a greater understanding of Spanish-speaking society.

At Rivier, academic excellence is offered and great achievement is expected. You will transform yourself through engaging classroom interaction, powerful study abroad experiences, challenging internships and life-changing community service. Our mission—‘transforming hearts and minds to serve the world’—ensures that you will find a rich global experience in our vibrant campus community. Faculty members bring real-world experience to their classrooms and are dedicated to the success of every student.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Spanish program offers a strong, liberal arts foundation and depth of knowledge in Spanish language and culture. The combination of coursework in language, literature and the arts, culture and identity provides a competence in students, which appeals to national and international employers.

In combination with the B.A. in Modern Language Education, the Spanish program prepares students to become middle and secondary school Spanish teachers. For students pursuing careers in other disciplines, fluency in English and Spanish provides a competitive edge.

ACCESS THE WORLD

Internships, study abroad, and co-curricular opportunities

Student connect and advance their articulation and comprehension skills outside the classroom with language tables for meal-time exchanges in Spanish, several study abroad options, and internships at organizations serving Spanish-speaking communities. In students’ junior or senior year, they can choose to study in residence in a country or community of Spanish speakers.

On-campus groups, such as the Multicultural Student Organization and Model United Nations, offer enrichment activities throughout the academic year. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in study abroad opportunities ranging from faculty-led weeklong study tours to entire semesters spent at a university abroad.

CAREERS

The Bachelor of Arts in Spanish degree offers students a wide range of career options. Spanish program graduates can pursue careers as:

- Teachers
- Translators and interpreters
- Business professionals
- Cultural events coordinators
- National security and immigration officials
- Government and diplomatic service workers

Note: Some careers, especially teaching, will require additional study and/or certification.

Rivier University’s Career Development Center (CDC) is committed to helping students on their path to become leaders in a global society.
JOURNEYS OF TRANSFORMATION
Rivier University’s core curriculum called “Journeys of Transformation” offers opportunities for service learning, servant leadership, civic engagement, or community service supporting the intellectual growth of students and enhancing student leadership. The core is aligned with the American Association of College & Universities (AAC&U’s) essential learning outcomes, which provide Rivier graduates with the strong intellectual and practical skills that are in demand in the workplace.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
The B.A. in Spanish degree requires a combination of General Education, Major, and General Elective courses.

MAJOR COURSES
Students must complete ten courses in Spanish beyond the elementary level. A complete listing of course options can be found in the Academic Catalog posted on the Rivier University website.

COMPETENCIES
Upon completion of a course of study in modern languages, the student should be able to:

• express her/himself in both oral and written form in the target language;
• explain the most significant historical and cultural achievements of those countries where the target language is spoken;
• demonstrate a global perspective on contemporary issues through understanding language as the embodiment of culture;
• discuss and interpret literary masterworks in the target language, and compare these works to others that comprise major literary movements or genres;
• explain issues of social justice that impact the target language community in the United States and abroad.

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