

# Accelerated B.A. to M.A. in Spanish

Students accepted into an accelerated undergraduate program may take departmentally approved graduate coursework as part of their undergraduate curriculum. These credits will count towards both their bachelor's and master's degrees and can fulfill major requirements, upper-division requirements, and/or free electives. Once accepted into an accelerated degree program, it is strongly recommended that students stay in close communication with their program advisor regarding their course selections. For details on accelerated programs at Idaho State University, please see (Degree Requirements).

Acceptance into an accelerated program during the bachelor's degree program is the first step in the admissions process. A separate application to the Graduate School is necessary for all accelerated programs. For more information regarding application and admission to the Graduate School at Idaho State University, please see the Graduate Admissions section of the graduate catalog (<http://coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/graduateadmissions/>).

## Accelerated Spanish BA/MA Overview

The Department of Anthropology and Languages offers an accelerated BA/MA program for its most talented undergraduates in the Spanish BA program. This accelerated program gives outstanding bachelor's degree students in Spanish a "fast-track" option to pursue graduate-level coursework towards the Master of Arts degree beginning in the third year of undergraduate coursework, and will count up to 12 credits of that coursework towards completion of the bachelor's degree. Graduates will receive separate BA and MA degrees, as noted on their transcripts. The program is designed to be completed in five years of full-time study, with students taking some 5500-level electives in their third or fourth year of undergraduate study along with their undergraduate coursework, and taking the remaining 5500 and 6600-level courses in their fifth and final year. For details on application and admission into the Accelerated program in Spanish, please see (Spanish).

## General Requirements

The Master of Arts in Spanish requires a minimum of 30 semester credits in courses approved by the Department of Anthropology and Languages. Students must take at least 15 of these credits in courses at the 6600-level or higher.

## Accelerated Spanish BA to MA Program

### Program Admissions Requirements

Suggested Preparatory Courses: Applicants to the combined BA/MA should plan on having completed the following courses before applying: SPAN 3300, SPAN 3301, and SPAN 3302.

Declared Spanish majors may apply to the program after having successfully completed 75 credits at the undergraduate level. Applications for admission must be made to the Spanish Graduate Program, and students must meet the following minimum requirements to be considered for admission:

- An overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher, out of a 4.0 scale OR a GPA of 3.0 using the most recent degree-seeking GPA OR a GPA of 3.0 as calculated using the grades from the most recent 60 credits of accredited college coursework.
- A 3-5 minute video Statement of Intent spoken in the Spanish language addressing a) your experience with the language, b) your goals, and c) how this program will help you reach those goals.
- A Writing Sample in Spanish of at least 2.0 pages (approximately 1,000 words) that conforms to the traditional 5-paragraph essay structure.

- Emails of two (2) references (non-family members).

### Program performance and progression requirements:

- Upon admission to the BA/MA program in Spanish, students will enroll in Span 5500, offered in the spring semester, or 5501, offered in the fall semester. Either 5500 or 5501 should be taken prior to taking other graduate coursework. Students who satisfactorily complete either Span 5500 or 5501 will be allowed to enroll in up to 9 additional credits of graduate coursework during their undergraduate studies, as indicated below.
- For graduate coursework to count towards completion of the MA program, students must receive a grade of B- or better in the course.
- BA/MA pathway students who receive two grades below a B- in graduate coursework in the BA/MA program will be redirected to the traditional Spanish BA program to complete their undergraduate Spanish degree, and will be dropped from the accelerated program pathway.

## General Education

The listing below includes program requirements that also fulfill General Education requirements.

Code	Title	Credits
Objective 1		6
Objective 2		3
Objective 3 - MATH 1123 Recommended <sup>1</sup>		3
Objective 4 - SPAN 1101 or SPAN 1102 and another Objective 4 course from the Humanities or Fine Arts categories.		7
Objective 5		7
Objective 6		6
<b>Students must fulfill Objective 7 or Objective 8</b>		<b>3</b>
Objective 7		
Objective 8		
Objective 9 - SPAN 2201, SPAN 2202, SPAN 2221, or SPAN 2222		4
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>39</b>

<sup>1</sup> "P" courses are equivalent to the original course.

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Basic Language Component <sup>1</sup></b>		<b>16</b>
SPAN 1101	Elementary Spanish I	
SPAN 1102	Elementary Spanish II	
Either SPAN 1101 or SPAN 1102 partially satisfies General Education Objective 4		
SPAN 2201 or SPAN 2221	Intermediate Spanish I Spanish for Heritage Speakers I	
SPAN 2202 or SPAN 2222	Intermediate Spanish II Spanish for Heritage Speakers II	
Any one of SPAN 2201, 2202, 2221, or 2222 satisfies General Education Objective 9		
<b>Advanced Language and Culture Component</b>		<b>21</b>

SPAN 3300	Intensive Conversation <sup>2</sup>	
SPAN 3301	Spanish Conversation and Composition	
SPAN 3302	Introduction to Hispanic Literature	
<b>Sample accelerated program course progression:</b>		
SPAN 5501	Graduate Discourse	
SPAN 4400/5500	Spanish Advanced Grammar	
SPAN 3341/5541	Survey of Spanish Literature and Civilization	
SPAN 3342/5542	Survey of Latin American Cultures and Civilizations	
<b>Select at least 6 credits of elective coursework from SPAN, LANG, or GLBL, which could include:</b>		<b>6</b>
SPAN 3375/6675	Topics in Culture and Literature	
SPAN 6676	Topics in Culture and Literatures II	
<b>Accelerated program students may take a MAXIMUM of 12 credits at the graduate level during their undergraduate studies.</b>		
<b>All required courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C- (C minus) for the BA degree in Spanish.</b>		
<b>All courses must be completed with a minimum of a B- (B minus) or better to count toward the MA degree in Spanish.</b>		
<b>Graduate coursework in which a student receives a grade lower than a B- (B minus) but higher than a C- (C minus) will count toward successful completion of the BA degree in Spanish, but will not count toward the MA degree in Spanish.</b>		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>43</b>

All students wishing to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish must take the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI). Please see your advisor for information regarding this exam.

<sup>1</sup> Students with previous lived experience with the Spanish language may place above the Basic Language level, even if they have not formally studied Spanish previously. Such students may have Spanish 1101 and 1102 waived, and complete the degree with as few as 36 total credits. There are several ways to get transcribed credit for Spanish 1101 and 1102. Students who are uncertain of the appropriate course to take first in the Spanish program, or who have questions about how to receive credit for lower division courses and the associated General Education objectives, should speak with a Spanish program advisor.

<sup>2</sup> The 3300 Intensive Conversation course may be waived if the candidate earns an Intermediate High or above on the ACTFL OPI. If the 3300 conversation course is waived by the required score, the student may graduate with 41 credits. If the student does not earn the minimum score of Intermediate High, the student must complete 44 credits as indicated above. Please speak to an advisor.

## Degree Totals

Code	Title	Credits
	Program Admission Requirements	0
	General Education	39
	Major Requirements (w/o General Education)	35
	Upper Division Free Electives	9
	Free Electives	37
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>120</b>

ISU Degree Requirements (<http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/degree/requirements/>)

ISU General Education (<http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/academicinformation/generaleducation/>)

Major Academic Plan (MAP) (<https://www.isu.edu/advising/maps/>)

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