

Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Translation and Interpreting

About This Program

The Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Translation and Interpreting provides foundational academic and professional preparation in Spanish-English and English-Spanish translation and interpreting. Through experiential learning in language classes, as well as in more advanced courses in medical, business, technical, scientific, legal, and community translation and interpreting, students are trained to be multilingual and intercultural. In addition to linguistic and cultural competence, students gain valuable skills in critical thinking, communication, and problem-solving. During enrollment in the program, students have the opportunity to gain professional experience at non-profit organizations through service learning. The substantive program provides students multiple career prospects in the language-services industry or in other professional areas requiring advanced use and translation and interpreting of Spanish such as health, business, education, advertising, criminal justice, media communication, and social services.

Competencies

1. Upon graduation, students will demonstrate proficiency in listening, reading, speaking, and writing Spanish and English (communication skills, critical thinking skills).
2. Upon graduation, students will demonstrate intercultural knowledge and competence in cultural, social, and ethical issues related to translation and interpreting (social responsibility, global competence, critical thinking skills).
3. Upon graduation, students will demonstrate an understanding of course content knowledge as it pertains to Spanish translation and interpreting (e.g., textual analysis, communicative genres and conventions, translation theory, translation/interpreting history) (disciplinary knowledge, critical thinking skills).
4. Upon graduation, students will demonstrate knowledge of and competence in specialized translation and interpreting skills (e.g., texts, tools, language strategies; specialized terminology; parallel texts, documentation resources, reference works; consecutive, bilateral, simultaneous, and sight translation modes) (communication skills, disciplinary knowledge, critical thinking skills).
5. Upon graduation, students will be able to apply academic content and learned skills to real-world experiences by having participated in experiential learning opportunities (social responsibility, career preparedness, critical thinking skills).

Admissions Criteria

In addition to satisfying the entrance requirements for the College of Liberal Arts, prospective majors in the Department of Modern Languages must meet the following criteria:

- A 3.0 GPA is required in the 1441-2314 Modern Language sequence, or an equivalent score on the Modern Language testing instrument, or approval of the departmental advisor.
- After admission to the Modern Language major, students must maintain a 2.00 GPA in major classes.

Curriculum

Foundations		
General Core Requirements (https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degree requirements/generalcore requirements/)		42
Modern Languages Foundations		
UNIV 1101 or UNIV 1131	CAREER PREPARATION AND STUDENT SUCCESS STUDENT SUCCESS	1
GLOBAL 2301	INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL ISSUES	3
Specialization ¹		
SPAN 1441	BEGINNING SPANISH I	4
SPAN 1442	BEGINNING SPANISH II	4
SPAN 2313 or SPAN 2312	INTERMEDIATE SPANISH I SPANISH FOR NATIVE/HERITAGE SPEAKERS I	3
SPAN 2314 or SPAN 2315	INTERMEDIATE SPANISH II SPANISH FOR NATIVE/HERITAGE SPEAKERS II	3
SPAN 3314 or SPAN 3305	ADVANCED SPANISH GRAMMAR ADVANCED SPANISH FOR HERITAGE SPEAKERS	3
SPAN 3315	SPANISH COMPOSITION	3
SPAN 3316	EXPLORING THE SPANISH LANGUAGE	3
SPAN 3340	COMMUNITY TRANSLATION	3

SPAN 3341	COMMUNITY INTERPRETING	3
SPAN 4341	BUSINESS AND LEGAL TRANSLATION	3
SPAN 4342	TRANSLATION IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS	3
SPAN 4343	INTERPRETING IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS	3
SPAN 4344	INTERPRETING IN LEGAL SETTINGS	3
Minor and Electives		
Select minor and elective courses sufficient to complete 120 hours with at least 36 at the 3000/4000 level.		33
Total Hours		120

¹ Native or heritage speakers may not enroll in SPAN 1441, SPAN 1442, SPAN 2313, SPAN 2314, or SPAN 3314. Instead, they take SPAN 2312, SPAN 2315, and SPAN 3305.

Non-Native/Heritage Speakers are strongly recommended to take [SPAN 3303](https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=SPAN%203303) (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=SPAN%203303>) before enrolling in [SPAN 3341](https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=SPAN%203341) (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=SPAN%203341>). Native/Heritage Speakers are strongly recommended to take [SPAN 3312](https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=SPAN%203312) (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=SPAN%203312>)

Advising Resources

First time in college students will be advised by the AUEC.

New transfer students should email modladvisor@uta.edu before enrolling in classes at UTA.

Students with previous experience in one of the languages offered at UTA, must take a Placement Test. For more information, contact MODL Testing at modltesting@uta.edu or call 817-272-4605.

Location:

230 Hammond Hall

Email:

modladvisor@uta.edu

Phone:

817-272-3161

Web:

[MODL Undergraduate Advising](https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/liberal-arts/departments/modern-languages/advising/) (<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/liberal-arts/departments/modern-languages/advising/>)