

DISCOVER

Spanish

Foreign languages are an integral part of liberal arts studies. In learning a foreign language, students acquire a body of knowledge about the different ways humans think, view the world, express themselves, and communicate with one another. Language learning expands one's ability to create and discover new meaning in one's own language and culture.

Career Opportunities

A foreign language major will learn the language, study the literature, and explore the culture of the countries or communities where the language is spoken.

Increasingly, foreign languages are either a requirement in a chosen area of study or a valuable skill for careers in specific fields.

Many universities require two or more semesters of a foreign language for a bachelor's degree. Often graduate and Ph.D. programs require a reading knowledge of one and sometimes two foreign languages.

There are also separate majors called area studies, which emphasize history, culture, politics and economics of a region rather than its language and literature.

Graduates of foreign language choose careers in teaching, interpreting or translating, law, international relations, foreign affairs, intelligence gathering, medicine, international banking and business, comparative literature, fine arts,

library science, travel and tourism, and journalism.

Internship and Directed Study Opportunities

As a Spanish major, your chances to gain real world learning experiences through internships and directed studies are almost boundless.

Students at Cottey College participate in internships throughout the year with a variety of businesses, organizations, and non-profit agencies. A successful internship provides students with an opportunity to apply their classroom learning to the workplace.

Employers and graduate schools agree that students who have put classroom concepts and skills to work in a "real world" environment are more realistic and productive than those who have not.

With the assistance of faculty and the transfer and career planning coordinator, Spanish majors can find a variety of local and national internship

Get Involved

Want to have fun and develop your leadership skills and your resume at the same time? Then get involved at Cottey College and in the Nevada community.

Cottey College has more than 35 student clubs and organizations in which to be involved. Plus, the Nevada and surrounding community offer an abundance of service opportunities.

Here are a few activities you might consider pursuing as a Spanish major: join Alpha Mu Gamma (honorary language society); participate in Cottey's International Friendship Circle events; be a peer tutor; give language lessons to community members; watch foreign language films; join Cottey's branch of Amnesty International; read foreign language literature; travel; volunteer at local elementary, middle or high schools; or join Rotaract.

experiences.

Opportunities exist locally with elementary, middle, and high schools, local newspapers and print publications, attorney offices, government agencies, non-profit organizations, private businesses, and more.

Directed study opportunities are available in all disciplines. Under the supervision of faculty, students can pursue academic credit on a topic or project that is related to, but beyond the scope of, regular course offerings.

Directed study topics can be tailored to your interests, whether it is conducting individual scientific research, studying girls' punk music, or conducting advanced computer programming.

SHAPING YOUR OWN DESTINY

SPANISH (4-Semester Sample Schedule)

Students should consult the catalog of the college to which they plan to transfer for specific requirements in their major. This suggested schedule is designed to provide the Associate in Arts degree candidate with the appropriate Cottey College core curriculum and enough coursework in their field to complete the 62 hours required for an A.A. degree. *Schedules may vary based on available classes and interests.*

First Year Fall Semester	Credit Hrs.	First Year Spring Semester	Credit Hrs.
ENG101 English Composition I	3	ENG102 English Composition II	3
SPA101 Elementary Spanish I*	4	SPA102 Elementary Spanish II*	4
MAT103 College Algebra or higher	3 or 4	Fine Arts Theory	3
Social Science [ECO, HIS, POL]	3	Social Science	3
Physical Activity	1	Physical Activity	1
Electives	1 to 3	Electives	3 to 4

Second Year Fall Semester	Credit Hrs.	Second Year Spring Semester	Credit Hrs.
Humanities	3	Humanities/Fine Arts	3
SPA201 Intermediate Spanish I*	3	SPA202 Intermediate Spanish II*	3
Laboratory Science	4 or 5	Electives	9 to 11
Electives	5 to 6		

* Courses recommended for major

In choosing electives, students should aim for courses related to the interests they anticipate pursuing. For example:

- Students with interests in foreign affairs or international relations are wise to take courses in business, an additional language, or international relations.
- Students with interests in area studies are wise to take courses in economics, international business, international relations, world religions, cultural anthropology or sociology.

Faculty Advising

Preparing a class schedule, investigating majors, and researching transfer institutions can be confusing for a first-year student. At Cottey College, academic advising assists the individual student in clarifying and achieving her educational goals.

Each student is assigned a full-time faculty member as an academic advisor. Together the advisor and student devise a balanced academic program, which encompasses the student's educational

and career ambitions. The advisor reviews all registration decisions, the advisee's academic progress, and suggests transfer and career options.

This personalized approach to student advising allows the student to take responsibility for her own academic program, while tapping into faculty expertise.

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