

SPANISH (SPN)

SPN-1120 Elementary Spanish I (4 semester hours)

Please note that SPN-1120 and SPN-1220, the elementary level courses, are designed for students who have no or very little experience with the Spanish language. The fundamentals of Spanish grammar will be taught with an emphasis on the active use of the language. Students will begin to develop their Spanish vocabularies and to read simple Spanish texts as well as learn cultural components of various Spanish-speaking countries.

SPN-1220 Elementary Spanish II (4 semester hours)

Please note that SPN-1120 and SPN-1220, the elementary level courses, are designed for students who have no or very little experience with the Spanish language. This course is a continuation of SPN-1120 in which students will begin to build and refine their Spanish language skills as they increase their understanding of Spanish grammar, vocabulary and cultural knowledge.

Prerequisite(s): SPN-1120.

SPN-2200 Intermediate Spanish I (4 semester hours)

Please note that SPN-2200 and SPN-2300, the intermediate level courses, are designed for students who have had successful past experiences with the Spanish language. Frequently students who begin to study Spanish at AU in the SPN-2200 course have Advanced Placement or CLEP credit. Advanced Placement or CLEP credit must be earned before enrolling in a Spanish course at AU. This course focuses on Spanish language acquisition by emphasizing the three modes of communication (interpretive, interpersonal and presentational). Oral proficiency, as well as cultural awareness and knowledge are also emphasized. Spanish grammar, vocabulary, and cultural knowledge will be refined in this course. SPN-2200 is designed for students who have past experience in Spanish, such as Advanced Placement or CLEP credit. Consent of department required.

Prerequisite(s): SPN-1220, consent of department.

SPN-2300 Intermediate Spanish II (4 semester hours)

Please note that SPN-2200 and SPN-2300, the intermediate level courses, are designed for students who have had successful past experiences with the Spanish language. Frequently students who begin to study Spanish at AU in the SPN-2200 course have Advanced Placement or CLEP credit. Advanced Placement or CLEP credit must be earned before enrolling in a Spanish course at AU. This course is a continuation of SPN-2200, and will emphasize and require students to refine their Spanish skills and communicative proficiency in preparation for subsequent required upper-level Spanish coursework. Advanced grammar and vocabulary as well as oral proficiency and cultural awareness and knowledge continue to be emphasized in SPN-2300.

Prerequisite(s): SPN-2200.

SPN-2880 Travel Study in Spanish (0.5-17 semester hours)

This course incorporates short-term overnight travel to expose students to new ways of thinking, living, and viewing the world via a culturally-immersive, high-impact experience. The course fosters cross-cultural communication, international knowledge, adaptability, and resilience in an increasingly global economy. Regular tuition is charged, and additional fees may apply.

Prerequisite(s): SPN-3200.

SPN-3200 Advanced Spanish: Conversation and Phonetics (4 semester hours)

This course focuses on increasing students' prescriptive oral proficiency through intensive conversation practice as well as on the linguistic elements of the Spanish language system. Students will complete exercises that will demonstrate understanding of Spanish speech patterns via written and spoken assignments. This course will be taught in Spanish.

Prerequisite(s): SPN-2300.

SPN-3300 Spanish Translation (4 semester hours)

Students will practice translating documents from English into Spanish and Spanish into English as the documents require. The goals of this course are for students to apply the correct grammatical conventions of the English and Spanish languages.

Prerequisite(s): SPN-2300.

SPN-3450 Conversation and Culture Through Spanish Language Films (4 semester hours)

This course utilizes Spanish language films to enable students to make cultural comparisons and demonstrate their understanding of the interrelatedness of the perspectives, products and practices of various Spanish-speaking cultures while engaging in interpretive, interpersonal and presentational communication activities.

Prerequisite(s): SPN-2300.

SPN-3500 Advanced Spanish Literature (4 semester hours)

This course will focus on Spanish literature, allowing students to demonstrate their understanding of texts on literary and cultural themes through reading, discussion and research while acquiring advanced level vocabulary and grammatical structures through context. All activities will be conducted in Spanish.

Prerequisite(s): SPN-2300.

SPN-3600 Latin American Civilization and Culture (4 semester hours)

This course will explore the history and current cultural components of Latin American countries, with special emphasis on the products, practices and perspectives of various Spanish-speaking cultures and in making comparisons between these cultures and students' native cultures. This course will be taught in Spanish.

Prerequisite(s): SPN-2300.

SPN-3650 Language and Community Immersion (4 semester hours)

This course will feature volunteer opportunities in organizations within Aurora's Spanish-speaking community requiring students' oral and written Spanish communication. Teacher licensure students will also have the opportunity to practice their Spanish teaching skills within the University community, offering Spanish lessons to University faculty and staff. Classroom portion will focus on intensive advanced level oral communication through discussions about the politics, history and culture of the Spanish-speaking world.

Prerequisite(s): SPN-2300.

SPN-3800 Advanced Grammar and Composition in Spanish (4 semester hours)

This course focuses on mastery of advanced Spanish grammar and written proficiency. Basic structural differences between Spanish and English will be emphasized. This course will be taught in Spanish, although English will also be used to provide specific examples when comparing structures.

Prerequisite(s): SPN-2300.

SPN-3880 Travel Study in Spanish (0.5-17 semester hours)

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SPN-4880 Travel Study in Spanish (0.5-17 semester hours)

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SPN-4990 Spanish Capstone Seminar (4 semester hours)

This is a capstone course in which the students demonstrate the acquisition of the second language, the knowledge of how the process occurred, the different perspectives concerning bilingualism, and the abilities to research and create in Spanish.

Prerequisite(s): SPN-2300.