

# Department of Spanish Language

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## What is the Spanish Language Program?

Recently the world has refocused attention particularly upon the importance of Hispanic culture in Central and South America, as well as upon the rich cultural ties between Latin America and Spain. Today, an estimated 4 billion people of the world are using this language, so many countries have accepted it as a first or second language. The growing significance and appreciation of the region has broadened the range of our academic and practical approaches to the Hispanic culture in the world. In this sense, the Department of Spanish Language and Literature seeks not only to enhance students' Spanish speaking ability, but also to deepen their understanding of Hispanic culture.

## Spanish Language at Kyung Hee

This Department was established in 1981. Kyung Hee University was the third university in all of Korea to offer a major in Spanish and Latin-American literature and linguistics. Since the beginning, we have been providing relevant knowledge and information about the linguistics and culture of Spain and Latin America. Cultural studies focus on the study of Spanish and Latin American culture, which will make our students well versed in new cultural trends originating from Spain and Latin America and prevailing all over the world. This will enable our students to be specialists in the Spanish and Latin American culture. As for linguistics, studies deal with history of the Spanish language, Spanish pronunciation, Spanish grammar, and Spanish syntax, which will enhance students' awareness of structures of Spanish sentences and the right usage for each word of Spanish.

## Degree Requirements

To receive the Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Linguistics and Literature, a student must:

- complete a minimum of 130 credit units
- satisfy the general requirements of the School for professional degrees
- complete 6 units of essential general subjects of Kyung Hee University in the areas of foreign language (6 credits of Foreign Language 1, 2)
  - ※ Only Foreign Language 1 can be exempted with the acquisition of a Certificate of Language Competency issued by publicly acknowledged institutions
- complete 6 credits of the general studies of the College of Foreign Language and Literature (2 courses from the college basic courses)
- complete 54 credits of major courses for Spanish (12 credits of required major courses and 42 selected major courses)

## Courses

### Year 1

Spanish History and Culture , Latin American History and Culture 1, Spanish Grammar A1, A2, Spanish Conversation A1, A2

### Year 2

Spanish Conversation B1-A, B1-B, Spanish Grammar B1, B2, Spanish Reading 1, 2, Spanish Lab 1, 2, Introduction to the Spanish Literature, Introduction to the Latin American Literature

### Year 3

Spanish Translation, Spanish Conversation, Introduction to Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Latin American Literature, Spanish Writing, Latin American History and Culture 2, Spanish Poetry and Essay, Spanish Drama, Spanish Literature and Cinema, Latin America Area Studies, Latino Culture and Identity.

### Year 4

Current Spanish, Advanced Spanish, Business Spanish, Graduation Thesis

## Careers and Graduate Destinations

Our students have a broad array of employment options after graduation. They can choose careers in development or research in several Spanish areas including diplomatic service, cultural promotion, and education.

## Faculty

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