

Spanish Minor for Health Professions

A. 2 or 3 required 3-credit courses:

- SPN 110: Elementary Spanish for Health Professions

This is a course designed for students with an elementary or low-intermediate level of Spanish (equivalent of SPN 102 or 103) to prepare them to work with Spanish-speaking patients in the fields of medicine, nursing, social work, and mental health. The course will introduce a wide array of vocabulary and grammatical structures particular to the medical field as well as focus on the cultural issues related to successful interactions with Spanish-speaking patients and their families.

- SPN 111: Intermediate Spanish for Health Professions

This course is designed for students with an intermediate and advanced-intermediate level of Spanish (equivalent of SPN 104 or 201). It is a class geared towards individuals who plan to work in health-related areas. The course is devoted to the study of medical Spanish terminology and will help students develop a cultural understanding of medicine and illness in the Spanish-speaking world.

- SPN 203: Intercultural Communication in Spanish Speaking Worlds

This is an advanced intermediate Spanish conversation course structured around contemporary issues related to public health, business, and law and society in the Hispanic community. Films and reading will provide the student with an opportunity to build vocabulary and discuss a wide range of social, economic, and medical topics from a cross-cultural perspective. The norms and expectations of professionals in the Hispanic culture will be studied, and essential skills such as communicating with sensitivity and engaging effectively with local institutions and organizations will be practiced.

Depending on a student's level of Spanish, he/she may begin with SPN 111 if they are placed into SPN 104 or 201 on the Spanish placement exam but will need to add an additional 3-credit internship or Special Topics course to complete the minor.

B. 1 required 3-credit internship:

- SPN 450: Internship in Hispanic Studies

This can be done locally or abroad. Students may participate in the established programs at Clinica Esperanza/Hope Clinic (85 Eagle Street, Providence RI) or Rhode Island Free Clinic (655 Broad Street, Providence RI)

C. 6 or 9 elective credits:

- SPN 370: Special Topics (1-3 credits)
- SPN 450: Internship in Hispanic Studies (3 credits)
- SPN 490: Independent Study (3 credits)

These may be fulfilled locally or aboard with any combination of the above courses. Any abroad course must be approved by Department Chair.