# Department of Spanish Language

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#### What is 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. And now about 4 billion people of the world are using this language, so many countries have accepted it as the first language or the 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 its students' Spanish speaking ability, but also to deepen their understanding of the 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. Ever since the beginning, we have been providing relevant knowledge and information about the linguistics and culture of Spain and Latin America. Cultural studies will focus on the study of Spanish and Latin American culture, which will make our students well versed in the 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 Spanish, 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 Language and Literature, a student must:

- complete a minimum of 130 credit units.
- satisfy the General Requirements of the School for professional degrees.
- complete 9 units of Essential General Subjects of Kyung Hee University in the areas of foreign language (6 credits of Foreign Language 1, 2) and computer (3 credits).
  - \*\* Only Foreign Language 1 can be exempted with the acquisition of the Certificates of Language Competency issued by publicly acknowledged institutions as replacement for transcripts.
  - \*\* 3 credits for computer proficiency can be fulfilled by taking Language and Computer, a course offered by the Department of Korean as Essential General Subject of the College of Foreign Languages and Literature (This course can be exempted with acquisition of a certificate issued by publicly acknowledged computation 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 Grammar A1, A2, Spanish Conversation A1, A2, Spanish Composition A1, A2 Year 2

Spanish Composition B1, Spanish Conversation B1-A, B1-B, Spanish Grammar B1, Spanish Reading 1, 2, Introduction to the Korean and Spanish Culture, Understanding Central and South America Culture

#### Year 3

Spanish Translation and Interpretation 1, 2, Spanish Conversation Standard B2-A, B2-B, Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics 1, 2, Spanish Literature 1, 2, Latin American Literature 1, 2, Spain History and Culture 1, 2
Year 4

Business Spanish, Latin America History and Literature 1, 2, Current Spanish

#### **Careers and Graduate Destinations**

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

#### **Faculty**

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