

# Spanish

The Spanish Program offers challenging and exciting summer study abroad programs in Latin America and Spain that bridge academic study and real world experience, helping you to live and practice what you learn in the classroom as you develop an international and intercultural perspective.

## DEGREES OFFERED

- Spanish Minor

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

Whether on-campus or on a study abroad program, as you progress through Spanish courses at Newman University, you will:

- Learn to read, write, understand and speak the language
- Become more linguistically aware
- Develop insight into language-learning process
- Increase cross-cultural perspective
- Increase empathy for persons learning English
- Develop communication strategies
- View people, literature and art in historical and cultural context
- Examine issues related to language acquisition, immigration and cultural adaptation
- Collaborate with members of Spanish-speaking communities, locally and/or abroad

## Community and International Outreach

**Project SONRISA** Help us give the gift of a healthy smile to children in Guatemala by donating new toothbrushes or money.

**Project VITAMINA** As a result of the food crisis, families that are suffering from chronic malnutrition need children's, adult and prenatal vitamins.

## Earning the Spanish minor

Studying Spanish at Newman University can profoundly affect your academic and professional career as it transforms your perspective and builds communication skills. The Spanish minor can complement

any major course of study and give you an advantage with future employers. It allows you to make connections to speakers of other languages, deepening your understanding and giving you a wider world view.

Students planning to earn the Spanish minor are strongly encouraged to participate in Newman University's Guatemala Study & Serve program. This challenging and exciting cultural immersion experience expedites student development in language proficiency and cultural understanding.

Students entering Newman University with no prior coursework in Spanish need to take SPAN 1014 before beginning the sequence. Usually one year of high school Spanish is equivalent to one semester of university-level work.

Students who already have several years of high school Spanish may begin by enrolling in Elementary Spanish 2 or Intermediate Spanish I. However, to earn the minor they must demonstrate mastery of the prior courses by either:

1. Credit by Examination (\$30 evaluation fee plus \$50 verification fee per credit hour) or
2. Taking the CLEP examination (cost: \$100 total for up to eleven credits).

## Research Opportunities

Students are encouraged to participate in Newman University's study & serve program, which contributes to individual and intercultural development.

## Guatemala Study & Serve

Transform your perspective and earn 7-9 credits while immersed in Spanish language study, local history and culture for seven weeks. Complement your classes with academically-related service projects.

## EXPERT, ACCESSIBLE

## FACULTY

The Spanish program consists of a group of carefully selected scholarly and professional practitioners who creatively introduce students to emerging theory and current best practices.

Newman Graduates regularly cite close collaboration with talented, dedicated faculty as one of their most meaningful experiences at Newman.

Newman faculty members are more than just leaders in their field. They take an active and personal role in students' studies and progress, forming strong relationships with students through coursework, special projects and informal out of class discussions.

## ACCREDITATION

Newman University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, [www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org](http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org).

## FINANCIAL AID

With many scholarships, grants, work-study and company tuition assistance programs available, the cost of a degree from Newman University is comparable to that of state universities.

## PROGRAM CONTACT

For more information or if you have questions about this program contact Chair of Foreign Language Department and Assistant Professor of Spanish: Sonja Bontrager at [BontragerS@newmanu.edu](mailto:BontragerS@newmanu.edu).

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