

Website with answers to Spanish advising questions:

Some of your advising questions are answered on the Spanish Program webpage:

<http://liberalarts.vt.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/spanish-major.html>. Please read this information before contacting a Spanish advisor.

Which Spanish advisor to contact for help (SPAN major/minor):

- If you have **not yet declared** the Spanish major or minor and are doing so this semester, you should contact the following advisor:
 - **A-D:** Dr. Elisabeth Austin, elaustin@vt.edu
 - **E:** Dr. María del Carmen Caña Jiménez, canajiime@vt.edu
 - **F-I:** Dr. Aarnes Gudmestad, agudmest@vt.edu
 - **J-M:** Dr. Annie Hesp, ahesp@vt.edu
 - **N-Q:** Dr. Javiera Jaque, javieraj@vt.edu
 - **R-T:** Dr. Gonzalo Montero, montero@vt.edu
 - **U-Z:** Dr. Patrick Ridge, ptridge@vt.edu
- If you **already declared** the Spanish major or minor, contact Ms. Stephanie Stallings (sstallings@vt.edu), to ask who your advisor is.

Which Spanish advisor to contact for help (Language & Culture for the Practice of Science Pathways minor):

- Dr. Vinodh Venkatesh, vinodhv@vt.edu

Information to give your Spanish advisor:

- 1) How many years of Spanish you took in high school and the grades you earned;
- 2) Any AP or IB Diploma exam scores you got from high school (VT does not give credit for the IB certificate, only the IB diploma);
- 3) Any Spanish classes you took at other colleges and the grades you earned;
- 4) Any Spanish classes you have already taken at VT;
- 5) How long it has been since you took a Spanish class;
- 6) Any extended live-abroad experience you have had in a Spanish-speaking country;
- 7) Whether Spanish is going to be your major, your minor, the language for your International Studies major, or an elective;
- 8) What semester you plan to graduate.

How to declare a Spanish major/minor or the Language & Culture for the Practice of Science Pathways minor:

Priority for adding and force adding Spanish classes is given to Spanish majors and minors, so declare it as soon as possible.

- If you would like to declare Spanish as a primary major, you may do so via Hokie Spa and the Hokie.COMM link during the prescribed dates. Outside of those official change-of-major dates and as long as you are already a student in CLAHS, you may contact Dr. Kimbrell (mkimbrel@vt.edu) in the Dean's office, who will assist you in adding Spanish as your primary major.
- If you are interested in declaring Spanish as a secondary major or a minor or if you are interested in declaring the Language & Culture for the Practice of Science Pathways minor, please fill out a form that is available at <https://liberalarts.vt.edu/forms.html> (Click on "Change of Primary Major, Second Major and/or Minors" and then click on "Request to Change Second Major or Minor form"). Within a couple of weeks of completing the form, you should receive an email telling you who your Spanish advisor is. If you do not receive this email within a couple of weeks, you can email Ms. Stephanie Stallings (sstallings@vt.edu) to ask.

If you have questions or concerns that your Spanish advisor is not able to answer, please contact the Spanish Program Director: Dr. Gudmestad, agudmest@vt.edu.