

**WHAT A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT OF SPANISH MUST DO
BEYOND THE CLASSROOM TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND BECOME
PROFICIENT**

To be a successful student of Spanish, you should be engaging in the following activities outside of class in order to increase your contact with the Spanish language and Spanish-speaking cultures. At any level, practicing Spanish beyond the classroom is essential to becoming proficient in the language and in terms of cultural communication. Depending on your level, we suggest that you do the following:

100 level

A successful Foreign Language Major –Spanish Track- or Minor at the 100-level should:

- seek advising from a Spanish faculty and have at least one advising session per semester.
- become an active member of the Spanish Club and participate in as many activities as possible.
- attend the Spanish-speaking World Series whenever possible.
- attend the Foreign Languages for the Professions panel each semester.
- attend the Spanish Table at least once a month.
- attend the Spanish movies in the Foreign Languages Film Series.
- work on *Nexos* CD-ROM and on-line activities regularly.
- seek social contact with native speakers of Spanish at Latin dance events, local Mexican restaurants, local Latino gatherings, etc.
- begin planning academically and financially for a study abroad semester/summer during his/her undergraduate experience.
- browse *People en Español*, *El Paisano*, or other Spanish magazines or newspapers.

200 level

A successful Foreign Language Major –Spanish Track- or Minor at the 200 level should:

- seek advising from a Spanish faculty and have at least one advising session per

semester.

- become an active member of the Spanish Club and participate in as many activities as possible.
- attend the Spanish-speaking World Series whenever possible.
- attend the Foreign Languages for the Professions panel each semester.
- attend the Spanish Table at least twice a month.
- attend the Spanish movies in the Foreign Language Film Series.
- work on *Nexos* CD-ROM and on-line activities regularly.
- locate a conversation partner (*intercambio*) in the Birmingham area and meet with them once a week, trade one hour of speaking Spanish with one hour of English practice (Try putting a sign up in the Smolian International House to locate a conversation partner.).
- listen to local radio in Spanish in the car (i.e. *Hola Alabama*, 10Q 1500 AM, La XX: 1450 AM) and Television shows in Spanish.
- listen to online radio broadcasts in Spanish (Look for *radio emisoras*.).
- read international Spanish-language newspapers from around the world.
- study abroad in summer.

300 level

A successful Foreign Language Major –Spanish Track- or Minor at the 300 level should:

- seek advising from a Spanish faculty and have at least one advising session per semester.
- become a leading or officer member of the Spanish Club and participate in as many activities as possible; volunteer to become a Spanish tutor for other Spanish Club members
- guide intro level students in Spanish and become a Spanish mentor.
- attend the Spanish-speaking World Series whenever possible.
- attend the Foreign Languages for the Professions panel each semester.
- attend the Spanish Table regularly.
- attend the Spanish movies in the Foreign Language Film Series.
- attend conferences and lectures organized by the DFLL whenever possible.
- study abroad in summer or a semester.
- watch a movie in Spanish every two weeks (available for check out at FLMS).
- volunteer at local centers such as the Hoover Multicultural Center or HICA to lend a hand in Spanish and meet Spanish speakers.
- listen to local radio in Spanish in the car (i.e. *Hola Alabama*, 10Q 1500 AM) and TV shows in Spanish.
- listen to online radio broadcasts in Spanish (Look for *radio emisoras*.).
- read international Spanish-language newspapers from around the world.
- seek Service Learning opportunities offered through Spanish classes.

400 level

A successful Foreign Language Major –Spanish Track- at the 400 level should:

- seek advising from a Spanish faculty and have at least one advising session per semester.
- become a leading or officer member of the *Spanish Club* and participate in as many activities as possible; volunteer to become a Spanish tutor for other Spanish Club members.
- guide intro level students in Spanish and become a Spanish mentor.
- attend the Spanish-speaking World Series whenever possible.
- attend the Foreign Languages for the Professions panel each semester.
- attend the Advanced Spanish Table regularly.
- attend the Spanish movies in the Foreign Language Film Series.
- watch a movie in Spanish every two weeks or weekly_(available for check out at FLMS).
- attend conferences and lectures organized by the DFLL whenever possible.
- study abroad in summer or a semester.
- read a newspaper in Spanish daily (virtual or in print).
- find other students association like the International Student Association or the Latino Student Association and join so that you can practice Spanish and learn about the many Spanish-speaking cultures.
- set Google to Google en español and search some of your favorite topics.
- volunteer at local centers such as the Hoover Multicultural Center or HICA to lend a hand in Spanish and meet Spanish speakers.
- listen to local radio in Spanish in the car (ie. *Hola Alabama*, 10Q 1500 AM) and TV shows in Spanish.
- read a novel in Spanish from Stern Library every semester that is not required for class, asking your instructors for guidance if needed.
- listen to online radio broadcasts in Spanish (Look for *radio emisoras*.).
- read international Spanish-language newspapers from around the world.
- seek Service Learning opportunities offered through Spanish classes.

500 level

A successful Graduate Foreign Language Education -Spanish Track- student should:

- seek advising from a Spanish faculty and have at least one advising session per semester.
- become an officer of the Spanish Club and participate in as many activities as

possible.

- guide intro level students in Spanish and become a Spanish mentor.
- attend the Spanish-speaking World Series whenever possible.
- attend the Advanced Spanish Table regularly.
- attend the Spanish movies in the Foreign Language Film Series.
- attend conferences and lectures organized by the DFLL.
- watch a movie in Spanish every two weeks or weekly_(available for check out at FLMS).
- study abroad in summer or a semester.
- read a newspaper in Spanish daily (virtual or in print).
- listen to local radio in Spanish in the car (i.e. *Hola Alabama*, 10Q 1500 AM) and TV shows in Spanish.
- read a novel in Spanish from Stern Library every semester that is not required for class, asking your instructors for guidance if you need it.
- become a member of professional organizations related to his/her specific Spanish-related field (i.e. Spanish Education: Alabama Association of Foreign Language Teachers, American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese).
- listen to online radio broadcasts in Spanish (Look for *radio emisoras*).
- read international Spanish-language newspapers from around the world.