

**Website with Answers to Spanish Advising Questions:**

Many 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:**

- If you have **not yet declared** the Spanish major or minor and are doing so this semester, you should contact the following advisor:
  - **A-C:** Dr. Elisabeth Austin, [elaustin@vt.edu](mailto:elaustin@vt.edu)
  - **D:** Dr. María del Carmen Caña Jiménez, [canajime@vt.edu](mailto:canajime@vt.edu)
  - **E-F:** Dr. Jessica Folkart, [jfolkart@vt.edu](mailto:jfolkart@vt.edu)
  - **G-I:** Dr. Annie Hesp, [ahesp@vt.edu](mailto:ahesp@vt.edu)
  - **J-L:** Dr. Javiera Jaque, [javieraj@vt.edu](mailto:javieraj@vt.edu)
  - **M-P:** Dr. Gonzalo Montero, [montero@vt.edu](mailto:montero@vt.edu)
  - **Q-S:** Dr. Patrick Ridge, [ptridge@vt.edu](mailto:ptridge@vt.edu)
  - **T-V:** Dr. Sarah Sierra, [ssierra2@vt.edu](mailto:ssierra2@vt.edu)
  - **W-Z:** Dr. Vinodh Venkatesh, [vinodhv@vt.edu](mailto:vinodhv@vt.edu)
  
- If you **already declared** the Spanish major or minor, contact Ms. Erin Hale ([emhale@vt.edu](mailto:emhale@vt.edu)), to ask who your advisor is.

**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 or 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](mailto: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, 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. Erin Hale ([emhale@vt.edu](mailto:emhale@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](mailto:agudmest@vt.edu).