PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Spanish program studies the language, linguistics, literature, culture and civilization of Spain, Spanish America, and the Spanish-speaking areas of the U.S. Through the CU Denver Spanish program, students at all levels may study abroad in Spain, Mexico and other Spanish-speaking countries. Please see a faculty member in Spanish for more information about opportunities to include study abroad as part of the major.

The Language, Literature and Culture (LLC) track focuses on these elements of Spanish as a world language. Students take courses in language skills, linguistics, literature, culture and related fields. This is the recommended track for those whose primary interest is the Spanish language and its associated cultures, double majors, future teachers or those considering graduate work in Spanish. Students who major in this track may also choose to pursue the secondary teacher licensure (full details on the foreign language teacher licensure program are available on a separate sheet).

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a dual-advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major/faculty advisor.

For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:

CLAS Academic Advising
clas_advising@ucdenver.edu
Find your CLAS Advisor here
North Classroom (NC) Building 1030
303-315-7100

For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:

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Alyssa Martoccio (G-O): alyssa.martoccio@ucdenver.edu
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Visit the department website here
Plaza Building (PL) 118
303-315-7234

GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 semester hours passed
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 45 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) semester hours
4. Complete all college and major requirements
5. Residency: complete a minimum of 30 CLAS hours at CU Denver

Credits exceeding the following maximum hour restrictions will not be applied toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:

- 56 semester hours in major department/prefix courses
- 16 semester hours Pass/Fail
- 12 semester hours of Independent Study
- 9 semester hours of internship credit
- 8 semester hours of physical education credit

CAREER RESOURCES

The Spanish (Language, Literature, and Culture) B.A. degree prepares students for diverse fields including law, medicine and education, as well as a spectrum of entry-level positions in business, public service and more. Related occupations for Spanish graduates include:

- Congressional Aide
- Foreign Service Office
- Military Intelligence Officer
- Secondary School Teacher
- Courtroom Translator
- Health Care Professional
- Politician
- Teacher Abroad
- Diplomat
- Higher Education
- Public Affairs
- Tour Guide
- FBI/CIA Agent
- Journalist
- Public Health Official
- Translator/Interpreter

Some careers and occupations require additional training or education. Interested in learning more about career and occupational options for this major? Visit the CU Denver Career Center located in the Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 267 to speak with a career counselor. The Career Center also provides Career Briefs, overviews of careers related to specific CU Denver majors, which include related links and resources to the particular field and show potential jobs related to the major. Access Career Briefs here.
**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES**

Students are responsible for meeting with the major/faculty advisor in the department to confirm major requirements. Students completing the Spanish B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Complete a minimum of 36 semester hours of required coursework with a grade of C- (1.7; no pass/fail courses) or better in each course, but a minimum 2.5 CU Denver GPA in all major courses. No Pass/Fail courses will be counted toward major requirements.
2. The B.A. in Spanish requires 36 semester hours of upper-division course work in Spanish though up to 6 hours may be taken in related fields.
3. Complete a minimum of 30 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) semester SPAN hours, with a minimum of 12 upper-division semester hours at the 4000-level.
4. Complete a minimum of 18 semester hours of required coursework from CU Denver faculty.

### Required Courses

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### Total Program Hours:

**36**

All semester hours must be upper-division, 12 hours must be at the 4000 level.

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**SAMPLE ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY**

The following academic plan is a sample pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Students should tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), language placement and proficiency (see SPAN advisor), course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

### Year One

**Milestones**
- Meet your advisors
- Introduce yourself to faculty in your department
- Create an academic plan and check your Degree Audit with your advisors
- Visit campus resources

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### Year Two

**Milestones**
- Meet with your advisors to complete a 60-hour check
- Join a student club or organization
- Begin to research internships
- Visit the Career Center
- Explore additional major(s) or minors

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### Year Three

**Milestones**
- Explore research opportunities in your major
- Apply for internships
- Begin to research professional or graduate programs

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### Year Four

**Milestones**
- See advisors for a grad check the semester before you plan to graduate
- Explore independent studies in your major
- Submit professional or graduate program applications

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‡ Major Course Available  †‡ Prerequisite Enforced  †† Prerequisite Recommended