

## 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 shared 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

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Find your CLAS Advisor [here](#)

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

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## 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
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 CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS hours at CU Denver

*The following are **maximum** semester hours that can apply 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/Directed Research
- 12 semester hours of internship credit
- 8 semester hours of physical education credit

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**Students are responsible for meeting with the major/faculty advisor in the department to confirm major requirements.** In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the Spanish B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 36 SPAN credit hours.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 36 upper division (3000-level and above) credit hours in the major.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C-(1.7) in all major courses taken at CU Denver and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.5. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the major GPA. Students cannot complete major or ancillary course requirements as pass/fail.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 18 SPAN credit hours with CU Denver faculty.
5. Courses taken at other institutions while a student is enrolled at CU Denver may be applied to the major only with departmental approval before enrollment in those courses.
6. Before enrolling in their final semester in the language, Spanish majors must be evaluated by the faculty in oral and written skills. Students must see their Spanish advisor for specific information.
7. Students must complete least 12 SPAN credit hours at the 4000 level.
8. Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours in courses taught in Spanish.
9. Up to 6 credit hours of the 36 upper division level credit hours may be taken in related fields.

## LYNX CONNECT RESOURCES

Are you interested in learning about internship, study abroad, career, and research opportunities for this major? Visit the CU Denver Lynx Connect, located in Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 339, and browse the Lynx Connect [website](#) for more information.

Degree Requirements	Credits	Notes
<b>* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *</b>		
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	34 - 40	<a href="#">CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements</a>
CLAS Graduation Requirements	15 - 29	<a href="#">CLAS Graduation Requirements</a>
<b>SPAN Major Requirements</b>	<b>36</b>	<i>All semester hours must be upper-division, 12 hours must be at the 4000 level</i>
<b>SPAN Required Courses</b>		
SPAN 3101 Introduction to the Study of Literature	3	<i>*Prerequisite: C- or higher in SPAN 2120 or 2130 recommended</i>
One Spanish Literature course	3	<i>*See department for approved courses.</i>
One Spanish-American Literature course	3	<i>*See department for approved courses.</i>
SPAN 3060 Hispanic Phonetics: Theory and Practice	3	<i>*Prerequisite: C- or higher in SPAN 2120 recommended</i>
Two courses on Language Skills and Theory	6	<i>*See department for approved courses.</i>
Two courses on Culture and Civilization of Spain or Spanish America	6	<i>*See department for approved courses.</i>
Four upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) SPAN Electives, two of which may be taken outside the SPAN subject code	12	<i>*See department for approved courses. Up to two of these electives may be non-SPAN courses from a related field.</i>
<b>Estimated General Electives</b>	<b>15 - 35</b>	<i>General Elective credits will vary based on Core &amp; CLAS Requirements. Consult with CLAS Advisor.</i>
<b>Total Minimum Program Hours:</b>	<b>120</b>	<i>45 semester hours must be upper-division</i>

### 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	Fall	CRS
	ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3
	CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 1010 <i>recommended</i>	3
	<sup>†</sup> SPAN 1010 (based on placement)	5
	CU Denver Core Social Science / First-Year Seminar	3
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>

Spring	CRS	
	ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
	CU Denver Core Humanities	3
	<sup>†</sup> SPAN 1020 (based on placement)	5
	CU Denver Core Behavioral Science	3
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>

Year Two	Fall	CRS
	<sup>†</sup> SPAN 2110 (based on placement)	3
	CLAS Communicative Skills	3
	CU Denver Core Arts	3
	General Elective	3
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<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

Spring	CRS	
	<sup>†</sup> SPAN 2120 (based on placement)	3
	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab	4
	CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
	CLAS Behavioral Science	3
	General Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	

Year Three	Fall	CRS
	SPAN 3101 <sup>PR</sup>	3
	CU Denver Core International Perspectives	3
	CLAS Humanities <sup>M</sup>	3
	Language Skills and Theory Course	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

Spring	CRS	
	SPAN 3060 <sup>PR</sup>	3
	SPAN Culture and Civilization Course	3
	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without lab	3
	CLAS Social Science	3
	Approved SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

Year Four	Fall	CRS
	Approved SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3
	Spanish-American Literature Course	3
	SPAN Culture and Civilization Course	3
	CLAS Biol/Phys Science with lab	4
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	

Spring	CRS	
	Spanish Literature Course	3
	Language Skills and Theory Course	3
	Upper-Division SPAN Elective	3
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	General Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

<sup>†</sup> Students with a proficiency level higher than SPAN 1010/1020/2110/2120 may accelerate this plan and begin major-level courses before year three.