

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Spanish program studies the language, linguistics, literature, culture and civilization of Spain, Spanish America and the Spanish-speaking areas of the United States. Getting a major in Spanish builds valuable skills including better problem solving, decision-making, planning, and presenting and defending ideas in different modes to a wide range of audiences. Some examples of career fields supported by a Spanish major are: health care, education, social work, counseling, interpreting, translation, law enforcement, government, banking, hospitality, law, travel and tourism, international and domestic business, arts and media, and diplomacy. Spanish is useful as a standalone major and also strengthens any other discipline as an additional major. Majoring in a language helps you stand out from your competition in the job market and bilinguals have both a higher earning potential and are more desirable in whatever career they choose.

Students who speak Spanish at home can also benefit from our program through increased confidence in their formal writing and speaking proficiency and a demonstrated credential verifying their expertise.

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 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

Visit the CLAS Advising website [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) 1030

303-315-7100

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

Spanish Major Advising

[CLAS Major Advisor Contact Information](#)

Visit the program 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 credit hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 30 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) credit hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS credit hours with letter grades at CU Denver

*The following are **maximum** credit hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:*

- 16 credit hours Pass/Fail
- 12 credit hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 credit hours of internship credit
- 8 credit hours of physical education credit

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Students are responsible for meeting with the major advisor to confirm major requirements. In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the Spanish - Language, Literature, and Culture B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 36 credit hours with a minimum of 30 SPAN credit hours.
2. Students may have 6 credits (two courses) of SPAN at the 2000 level apply to the major, and must complete 24 total credits of SPAN courses at the upper division (3000-level and higher). At least 12 SPAN credit hours must be completed at the 4000-level or higher.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all courses that apply to the major and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.5. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to major requirements.
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. Up to 6 credit hours of the 36 upper division level credit hours may be taken in related fields.

LYNXCONNECT RESOURCES

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

Degree Requirements	Credits	Notes
* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *		
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	34 - 40	CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements
CLAS Graduation Requirements		CLAS Graduation Requirements
SPAN Major Requirements	36	<i>24 credit hours must be upper-division of which 12 must be 4000-level</i>
SPAN Required Courses		
SPAN 3065 Spanish Phonetics and Pronunciation	3	<i>*Prerequisite: C- or higher in SPAN 2120 recommended</i>
SPAN 3101 Introduction to the Study of Literature	3	<i>*Prerequisite: C- or higher in SPAN 2120 or 2130 recommended</i>
SPAN 32XX	3	<i>*Any SPAN 32XX course, see department for approved courses.</i>
SPAN 37XX	3	<i>*Any SPAN 37XX course, see department for approved courses.</i>
4000-level SPAN Electives	12	<i>*At least 12 credit hours of SPAN electives must be completed at the 4000 level or higher. *See department for approved courses.</i>
SPAN Electives	12	<i>*6 credit hours of 2000-level SPAN electives may apply to the major. *6 credit hours of these electives may be non-SPAN courses from a related field. *See department for approved courses.</i>
Estimated General Electives	44 - 50	<i>General Elective credit hours will vary. Students are highly encouraged to explore and complete additional programs including certificates, minors, double-majors, and dual-degrees. Consult with CLAS Academic Advisor.</i>
Total Minimum Credit Hours:	120	<i>30 credit 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 certificates, minors, double-majors, or dual-degrees.

Year 1 - Fall	CRS
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3
CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 1010 <i>recommended</i>	3
[†] SPAN 1003 (based on placement)	3
CU Denver Core Social Science / First-Year Seminar	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 1 - Spring	CRS
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
CU Denver Core Humanities	3
[†] SPAN 1004 (based on placement)	3
CU Denver Core Behavioral Science	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 2 - Fall	CRS
[†] SPAN 2110 (based on placement)	3
CU Denver Core Arts	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 2 - Spring	CRS
[†] SPAN 2120 (based on placement)	3
CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab	4
CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	16

Year 3 - Fall	CRS
SPAN 3101 ^{PR}	3
SPAN 37XX	3
CU Denver Core International Perspectives	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	2
Total Credit Hours	14

Year 3 - Spring	CRS
SPAN 3065 ^{PR}	3
SPAN 32XX	3
CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without lab	3
Approved SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 4 - Fall	CRS
SPAN 4000-Level Elective	3
SPAN 4000-Level Elective	3
Approved SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 4 - Spring	CRS
SPAN 4000-Level Elective	3
SPAN 4000-Level Elective	3
SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3
SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

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

^M Major Course Available ^C CU Denver Core Course ^{PE} Prerequisite Enforced ^{PR} Prerequisite Recommended