

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 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
clas_advising@ucdenver.edu
Find your CLAS Advisor [here](#)
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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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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 45 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/faculty advisor in the department 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 3 credits (one course) of SPAN at the 2000 level apply to the major, and all other SPAN courses must be completed 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. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the major GPA. Courses taken using pass/fail 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	15 - 29	CLAS Graduation Requirements
SPAN Major Requirements	36	<i>One SPAN course (3 credits) may be at the 2000 level but all other credit hours must be upper-division; 12 hours must be at the 4000 level</i>
SPAN Required Courses		
SPAN 3060 Hispanic Phonetics: Theory and Practice	3	*Prerequisite: C- or higher in SPAN 2120 recommended
SPAN 3101 Introduction to the Study of Literature	3	*Prerequisite: C- or higher in SPAN 2120 or 2130 recommended
Two courses on Language Skills and Theory	6	*See department for approved courses.
Two courses on Culture and Civilizations of Spain or Spanish America	6	*See department for approved courses.
One Peninsular Spanish Literature, Culture, and Film course	3	*See department for approved courses.
One Latin-American Literature, Culture, and Film course	3	*See department for approved courses.
Four upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) SPAN Electives, two of which may be taken outside the SPAN subject code. One SPAN course may be at the 2000 level.	12	*See department for approved courses. Up to two of these electives may be non-SPAN courses from a related field.
Estimated General Electives	15 - 35	<i>General Elective credits will vary based on Core & CLAS Requirements. Consult with CLAS Advisor.</i>
Total Minimum Credit Hours:	120	<i>45 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 minors or double-majors.

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

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

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

Spring	CRS	
	†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
Total Credit Hours	16	

Year Three	Fall	CRS
	SPAN 3101 ^{PR}	3
	CU Denver Core International Perspectives	3
	CLAS Humanities ^M	3
	Language Skills and Theory Course	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15	

Spring	CRS	
	SPAN 3060 ^{PR}	3
	SPAN Culture and Civilizations Course	3
	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without lab	3
	CLAS Social Science	3
	Approved SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15	

Year Four	Fall	CRS
	Approved SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3
	Latin-American Literature, Culture, and Film course	3
	SPAN Culture and Civilizations Course	3
	CLAS Nat/Phys Science with lab	4
	Upper-Division General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	16	

Spring	CRS	
	Peninsular Spanish Literature, Culture, and Film course	3
	Language Skills and Theory Course	3
	Upper-Division SPAN Elective	3
	Upper-Division SPAN 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.