

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 secondary licensure program is a partnership program between the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) and the School of Education & Human Development (SEHD). Secondary Education Licensure students choose a major within CLAS and complete all CORE, CLAS, major, and initial teacher education admission requirements before completing a final professional year of licensure coursework through the SEHD.

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. Additionally, secondary education students work with an academic advisor in the School of Education & Human Development (SEHD) who support students through initial teacher education coursework, Professional (final) Year, and licensure requirements. SEHD secondary education students should meet regularly with the SEHD 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) 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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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

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

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 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.



SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (SEHD) REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

Students are responsible for meeting with the advisor in the SEHD to confirm teacher education and licensure requirements. In addition to completing all minimum program requirements above, SEHD secondary education students must complete the following minimum SEHD licensure requirements:

1. Complete the Education Declaration form and all subsequent processes and requirements, including a background check, prior to April 1st (for students intending to complete their clinical field experience in fall) or November 1st (for students intending to complete their clinical field experience in spring). Students must meet with the SEHD advisor for detailed information.
2. Student pursuing secondary education licensure must complete the following requirements to be admitted to the Professional (final) Year:
 - a. a minimum cumulative CU GPA of 3.0 or higher. Students with a lower GPA may be considered under certain conditions (see SEHD Advisor).
 - b. all CU Denver Core, CLAS, major, electives, and initial teacher education coursework requirements prior to the start of the Professional Year
 - c. the official application and interview process

Deadlines for Professional Year application are March 1st (for students intending to begin Professional Year in fall) or October 1st (for students intending to begin Professional Year in spring).

3. Students must complete all initial teacher education and professional (final) year coursework with a minimum grade of B- or higher.
4. Students must pass the appropriate Praxis exam before the start of the second semester of the Professional Year. Minimum passing scores are outlined on the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) teacher Endorsement Requirements [website](#).

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	<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>
Two courses on Language Skills and Theory	6	<i>*See department for approved courses.</i>
Two courses on Culture and Civilizations of Spain or Spanish America	6	<i>*See department for approved courses.</i>
One Peninsular Spanish Literature, Culture, and Film course	3	<i>*See department for approved courses.</i>
One Latin-American Literature, Culture, and Film course	3	<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. One SPAN course may be at the 2000 level.	12	<i>*See department for approved courses. Up to two of these electives may be non-SPAN courses from a related field.</i>
SEHD Licensure Coursework Requirements	37	† Education Licensure Course: requires minimum grade of B- or higher
Initial Teacher Education Coursework		
EDFN 4010 Social Foundations & Cultural Diversity in Urban Ed [†]	3	<i>*Prerequisite: 27+ credit hours completed</i>
CLDE 4020 Responsive Classroom Communities [†]	3	<i>*Prerequisites: EDFN 4010, 27+ credit hours completed</i>
Clinical Field Experience Block: Diverse Learners		‡ Clinical Field Experience Block
EDHD 3930 Diverse Learners Field Experience & Seminar ^{†‡}	3	All courses in a clinical field experience block must be taken together, in the same semester. Field experience paperwork deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall placement = 4/1 Priority deadline; 4/15 Final deadline • Spring placement = 11/1 Priority deadline; 11/15 Final deadline
SPED 4030 Understanding (dis)Ability in Contemporary Classrooms ^{†‡}	3	
Professional Year Courses		§ Professional Year: Separate admission to Professional Year required
LCRT 4100 Secondary Literacy Instruction and Assessment ^{†§}	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements for admission to Professional Year include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A minimum GPA of 3.0 in major coursework ○ Successful completion of all other coursework (including Core, major, and elective requirements) ○ Successful completion of the application and interview process ○ Taking the appropriate Praxis exam (students <i>must</i> pass the Praxis prior to beginning their final semester) • Professional Year application deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fall start = 3/1 deadline ○ Spring start = 10/1 deadline
UEDU 4040 Planning for Learning ^{†§}	3	
Choose two of the following:	3	
MLNG 4690 Methods of Teaching Modern Languages ^{†§} or		
CLDE 5030 Language Development of Multilingual Learners ^{†§} or		
CLDE 5070 Linguistic Analysis of English ^{†§} or		
CLDE 5140 Language, Culture, and Educational Equity ^{†§}		
UEDU 4052 English/LA & Social Studies Capstone: Secondary Ed ^{†§}	3	
UEDU 4931 Internship and Learning Community I ^{†§}	2	
UEDU 4932 Internship and Learning Community II ^{†§}	2	
UEDU 4933 Internship and Learning Community III ^{†§}	6	
Estimated General Electives	0	<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. Secondary education students must meet with an SEHD advisor to create an individualized academic plan.

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

Year One	Fall	CRS	Spring	CRS
	ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3	ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
	CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 2830 <i>recommended</i>	3	CU Denver Core Humanities	3
	[†] SPAN 2110 (based on placement)	3	[†] SPAN 2120 (based on placement)	3
	CU Denver Core Social Science / First-Year Seminar	3	CLAS Behavioral Science	3
	CU Denver Core Behavioral Science	3	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab	4
	Total Credit Hours	15	Total Credit Hours	16

Year Two	Fall	CRS	Spring	CRS
	SPAN 3101 ^{PR}	3	SPAN 3060 ^{PR}	3
	SPAN Language Skills and Theory Course	3	SPAN Language Skills and Theory Course	3
	SPAN Culture and Civilizations Course (fulfills CLAS Humanities)	3	Latin-American Literature, Culture, and Film course	3
	CU Denver Core Arts	3	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without lab	3
	CU Denver Core International Perspectives	3	EDFN 4010 [†]	3
	CLAS Social Science	3	CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
Total Credit Hours	18	Total Credit Hours	18	

Year Three	Fall	CRS	Spring	CRS
	Peninsular Spanish Literature, Culture, and Film course	3	Approved Upper-Division SPAN Elective	3
	SPAN Culture and Civilizations Course	3	Approved Upper-Division SPAN Elective	3
	Approved Upper-Division SPAN Elective	3	Approved Upper-Division SPAN Elective	3
	CLAS Nat/Phys Science with lab	4	CLAS Communicative Skills	3
	CLDE 4020 [†]	3	EDHD 3930 ^{† ‡}	3
			SPED 4030 ^{† ‡}	3
Total Credit Hours	16	Total Credit Hours	18	

In first semester of year three, take the appropriate Praxis exam. Students *must* pass the Praxis prior to beginning their final semester. In second semester of year three, apply for admission to Professional Year. Deadlines for Professional Year application are 3/1 for Fall start and 10/1 for Spring start.

Year Four	Fall	CRS	Spring	CRS
	LCRT 4100 ^{† §}	3	UEDU 4933 ^{† §}	6
	UEDU 4040 ^{† §}	3	CLDE 5030 ^{† §} or CLDE 5070 ^{† §} or CLDE 5140 ^{† §}	3
	MLNG 4690 ^{† §}	3	UEDU 4052 ^{† §}	3
	UEDU 4931 ^{† §}	2		
	UEDU 4932 ^{† §}	2		
Total Credit Hours	13	Total Credit Hours	12	

After graduation, apply for a teaching license through the Colorado Department of Education.

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