

FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

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

clas_advising@ucdenver.edu

Visit the CLAS Advising website [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:

Andrés Lema Hincapié (A-F); [andres.lema-](mailto:andres.lema-hincapie@ucdenver.edu)

hincapie@ucdenver.edu

Alyssa Martoccio (G-O);

alyssa.martoccio@ucdenver.edu

María Luisa Fernández (P-Z);

maria.fernandezmartinez@ucdenver.edu

Visit the department website [here](#)

Plaza Building (PL) 118

303-315-7234

For questions about admission requirements, transfer policies, applying, and the transfer process contact:

Office of Admissions

admissions@ucdenver.edu

Visit the Admissions website [here](#)

Student Commons 1007

303-315-2601

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

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

The following program requirements are based on degree requirements for the current Catalog year at CU Denver and are subject to change. Students are responsible for completing degree requirements based on the Catalog year for which they are admitted.

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 must complete a minimum of 36 upper division (3000-level and above) credit hours with at least 12 SPAN credit hours at the 4000-level or higher
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. Up to 6 credit hours of the 36 upper division level credit hours may be taken in related fields.

FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

COURSEWORK THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION

The following is a “bucket” of requirements students can complete prior to transferring to CU Denver, including equivalent Colorado Community College System (CCCS) courses. To determine the equivalencies of courses to be completed at non-CU Denver institutions, students can visit www.transferology.com. **It is critical students connect with a CU Denver academic advisor to ensure planned courses will transfer *and* apply to CU Denver degree requirements.** All non-CU Denver coursework must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for transfer.

Students interested in completing an Associate (A.A. or A.S.) Degree or a [Colorado Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement or Degree with Designation \(DWD\)](#) must work with their community/junior college academic advisor to create an academic plan that accounts for all degree or transfer articulation agreement requirements. Colorado Community College Students may also explore the option to complete [Reverse Transfer](#) at CU Denver.

CU Denver Requirements	CU Denver Credits	CCCS Equivalent Courses & Notes	CCCS Credits
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	34 - 40		
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3	ENG 121	
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3	ENG 122	
Mathematics	3 - 4	MAT 120 <i>recommended</i> or GT-MA1	
Arts	3	SPA 211 or GT-AH	
Humanities	3	SPA 212 or GT-AH or GT-HI	
Behavioral Sciences	3 - 4	GT-SS	
Social Sciences	3 - 4	GT-SS or GT-HI*	
Natural/Physical Science with lab	4 - 5	GT-SC1	
Natural/Physical Science without lab or Math	3 - 5	GT-SC2 or GT-MA1 (<i>except the course used for Core Math</i>) or GT-SC1	
International Perspectives	3	Additional GT-AH, HI, SS* (<i>see note below</i>)	
Cultural Diversity	3	<i>To be completed at CU Denver. This requirement must be completed with an upper-division course and CCCS courses will not apply.</i>	
CLAS Graduation Requirements	15 - 29		
CLAS Communicative Skills	3	COM 115 or PHI 113	
CLAS Second Language	0 - 10	e.g., SPA 112 or ASL 122 <i>Students have several options to fulfill this requirement. Please consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor.</i>	
CLAS Humanities	3	Any transferrable LIT, HIS, HUM, or PHI course	
CLAS Behavioral Sciences	3 - 4	Any transferrable ANT, COM, or PSY course (<i>except GT-SC courses</i>)	
CLAS Social Sciences	3 - 4	Any transferrable ECO, ETH, GEO, POS, or SOC course (<i>except GT-SC courses</i>)	
CLAS Biological/Physical Science with lab	3 - 5	GT-SC1 <i>If students complete only one science course with a lab for the CU Denver Core Curriculum, this course must have an associated lab.</i>	
SPAN Prerequisite Courses	16	<i>The following courses are not required for the SPAN major; however, students must demonstrate or achieve proficiency equivalent to SPAN 2120 at CU Denver in order to progress to SPAN major courses.</i>	
SPAN 1010 Beginning Spanish I	5	SPA 111	
SPAN 1020 Beginning Spanish II	5	SPA 112	
SPAN 2110 Second Year Spanish I	3	SPA 211 <i>Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Arts</i>	
SPAN 2120 Second Year Spanish II	3	SPA 212 <i>Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Humanities</i>	
Minimum Applicable Transfer Credits Recommended:	60	<i>Students completing less than 60 applicable transfer credits will have additional credits to complete at CU Denver. Students needing general elective credits should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor.</i>	

*The applicability of Guaranteed Transfer (GT Pathways) courses to specific CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements requires completion of a block of five courses: two GT-AH courses; one GT-HI course; one GT-SS course; and one additional GT-AH, GT-HI, or GT-SS course.

FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

SAMPLE PLAN – COURESWORK TO BE COMPLETED AT CU DENVER

Based on successful completion of 60 applicable transfer credits and the complete “bucket” of requirements outlined above, students would have the following remaining to complete at CU Denver. At CU Denver, students must tailor this plan based on the evaluation of previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, individual preferences related to course load, summer term courses, part-time or full-time student status, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors. **Note: This plan assumes students have achieved Spanish language proficiency equivalent to or higher than CU Denver’s SPAN 2120.** Students who have not fulfilled this requirement must work with the SPAN Advisor to modify this plan.

Students must not exceed 56 hours in their major prefix.

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

Spring	CRS
SPAN 3060 ^{PR}	3
SPAN Culture and Civilizations Course	3
Approved SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3
General Upper-Division Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year Four	Fall	CRS
	SPAN Culture and Civilizations Course	3
	Latin-American Literature, Culture, and Film course	3
	Approved SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3
	General Upper-Division Elective	3
	General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15	

Spring	CRS
Peninsular Spanish Literature, Culture, and Film course	3
Language Skills and Theory Course	3
SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3
SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

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