

Program Overview: Bachelor of Arts, Spanish Applied Professional Concentration



About This Major . . .

Spanish majors at Colorado Mesa University choose from one of three concentrations: Applied Professional, Secondary Teaching Licensure, and Literature and Language. Classes provide knowledge and skills related to effective communication in Spanish as well as an understanding of the relationship of the Spanish language and its cultures to the world in which we live.

Applied Professional majors attend classes that strengthen their skills in their professional environment. Secondary Licensure majors study all aspects of the language and cultures of the Spanish-speaking world and its teaching.

Spanish Language and Literature majors gain valuable insights into Peninsular and Latin-American language and literature as well as their histories and cultures. Students are provided with an intensive examination of literature as seen through the various genres (poetry, narrative, theatre and film). Students are also introduced to the linguistic properties of the Spanish language.

All CMU baccalaureate graduates are expected to demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking, communication fluency, quantitative fluency, and specialized knowledge/applied learning.

With a Spanish Applied Professional major in hand, you will be able to:

1. express yourself coherently when you speak and write Spanish.
2. demonstrate a good sense of sentence structure, pronunciation, and word formation when you speak and write.
3. discuss important literary and artistic movements and works and show that you are aware of a wide range of cultural elements in the Spanish-speaking world.
4. develop a research project that applies your ability to speak, read, comprehend, and write Spanish in a professional context like healthcare, business, or social services.
5. grasp the theories, skills, and complexities of translation and interpretation.
6. compare Hispanic cultures with other US cultures and discuss their importance in commercial, healthcare, and social work settings.

Program Highlights:

Go Public

Use what you know about language and culture to contribute to *Horizon Magazine*, the *Criterion*, or to create a Spanish program for KMSA radio or CMU-TV.

Follow Their Lead

Land a job as a teacher, translator, interpreter, journalist, advertiser, linguist, and more.

Get Smarter

Consider an MA, MFA, PhD, or other advanced degrees in Spanish language and culture, translation and interpretation services, linguistics, or use your skills in law school and other professional programs.

Get Involved

Join the Spanish club *Pura Vida*, Honors Program, or contribute to the Four Corners Conference.

Get Experience

Apply your expertise in a real-world setting by interning with a local business or firm.

Study Abroad

Travel and study in Costa Rica, Spain, Cuba, and other interesting places.

Get Some Attention

You will enjoy small classes—always less than 30, probably fewer than 20.



Program Requirements

A student must follow CMU graduation requirements by completing 120 semester credit hours, including 40 credits of coursework at the 300+ level. See the “Undergraduate Graduation Requirements” in the catalog for additional graduation information. Students should work closely with a faculty advisor when selecting and scheduling courses prior to registration. In general, CMU’s programs of study are based on two curriculum groups:

1. Essential Learning

CMU’s Essential Learning program provides the foundation of skills and information that cuts across all fields of study and the support for advanced concepts that students will later encounter in their majors. Before moving into work at the 300+ level, students complete the Maverick Milestone and its co-requirement, Essential Speech. This pair of courses is a capstone experience where students integrate what they have learned from their foundation courses by making connections among diverse areas of knowledge. The capstone is also an opportunity for students to work with disparate ideas, a critical skill expected of all CMU graduates that will aid them in solving the complex and unscripted problems they will encounter in their personal, professional, and civic lives.

2. What You Will Study in This Major. . .

Foundation Courses

You will take two consecutive semesters in Spanish.

Spanish Applied Professional Core

You will take advanced courses to improve your ability to understand, speak, read, and write Spanish. You will also gain a more complex and sophisticated knowledge of the Hispanic world and complete a capstone course that allows you to demonstrate what you have learned in one final impressive project.

- Advanced Spanish Grammar
- Advanced Spanish Composition
- History and Culture of Spain
- History and Culture of Latin America
- Advanced Spanish Conversation
- Introduction to the Literature of Spain
- Introduction to the Literature of Latin America
- Spanish and the Nature of Language
- Spanish Practicum

Concentration Required Courses

These four courses allow you to apply what you have learned in a real-world setting. You will learn specialized vocabulary, correct protocols, and essential skills and techniques.

- Spanish for Medical and Social Services
- Business Spanish
- Translation
- Interpreting

For more information about this major, go to: <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/spanish/tracks.html> or contact the Academic Department Head for Languages, Literature, and Mass Communication, 252 Escalante Hall, 970-248-1687.