

Program Overview: Bachelor of Arts, Spanish Secondary Education Concentration



About This Major . . .

Spanish majors for secondary licensure study all aspects of the language and cultures of the Spanish-speaking world and its teaching, including linguistics, phonetics, phonology, foreign language teaching methods, and the literatures of Spain and Latin America.

The Center for Teacher Education offers a comprehensive program of study that leads to licensure in Colorado. Our professors are experienced, knowledgeable, accessible, and dedicated to the improvement of public education. At Colorado Mesa University, we pride ourselves on the personal touch. Faculty offer one-on-one guidance for course selection, field placements, student teaching, and employment. Our mission is to develop *Educators as Innovators*; we are always looking to improve the quality of learning in our programs and K-12 schools.

As a student, you will gradually accumulate over 200 hours of classroom experience before beginning student teaching. School districts throughout western Colorado provide opportunities to gain experience with children of various ages and backgrounds in a variety of school settings. A minimum of 75 credit hours of general education and content area coursework must be completed with a minimum GPA of 2.80 before a candidate may apply for admission to the Center for Teacher Education secondary licensure program. Please see the Teacher Education Admission Packet for further information on admissions criteria. EDUC 211, Foundations of Education, must be taken before applying to the program.

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

With a Spanish Secondary Education 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. understand theories of second language acquisition and teaching methodologies.
5. develop an expertise to teach Spanish to K-12 students in ways that address individual learning styles.
6. design a safe and stimulating learning environment for elementary and secondary education students.
7. teach students to express themselves in Spanish in a real-world setting.
8. develop teaching strategies and design appropriate methods to assess students.
9. reflect on and develop strategies to improve personal performance and intellectual growth.



Program Highlights:

Go Public

Use what you know about language and culture to contribute to *Horizon Magazine*, the *Criterion*, or 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.

Feel at Home

Enjoy studying in a new beautiful building that offers all the resources you need.

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. . .

Foundational Courses

You will take two consecutive semesters in Spanish.

Secondary Teacher Licensure 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 you will learn ways to use technology, literature, and culture in the classroom.

- Advanced Spanish Grammar
- Advanced Spanish Composition
- History & Culture of Spain
- History & 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
- Spanish Phonetics and Phonology
- Using Technology, Literature, and Culture in the Spanish Classroom

Concentration Electives

Select two upper-division courses that allow you to pursue your interests and develop a specialized expertise.

- Hispanic Poetry
- Hispanic Prose
- Hispanic Drama & Film
- Spanish for Medical and Social Services
- Business Spanish
- Translation
- Interpreting
- Methodology of Teaching Foreign Language

Secondary Education Requirements

While we want you to develop an expertise in literature and writing, you will also take education courses that provide you with a foundation in education theory and practice.

- Foundations of Education
- Pedagogy and Assessment
- Teaching to Diversity
- Integrating Literacy Across the Curriculum
- Content Methodology Practicum
- Methods of Teaching Secondary Spanish
- Teaching Internship and Colloquium

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.