

Program Overview: Bachelor of Arts, Spanish Spanish and Hispanic Studies



About This Major . . .

Spanish majors at Colorado Mesa University take classes that provide knowledge and skills intended to produce 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. Spanish and Hispanic Studies majors gain valuable insights into Peninsular and Latin-American language and literature, their histories and cultures. Students are also introduced to the linguistic properties of the Spanish language, with a focused study of Spanish phonetics and phonology. Students take classes which provide insights into Spanish in the professions, such as translation, interpreting, and medical. Spanish graduates work in a variety of professions, where they apply their cultural competencies and in many instances continue their studies in graduate schools.

For more information about what you can do with this major, go to <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/career/whatmajor.html>.

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

In addition to these campus-wide student learning outcomes, graduates of this major will be able to:

1. Express themselves coherently in written and oral Spanish. (Communication Fluency)
2. Apply knowledge of the structure of the Spanish language, including syntax, phonetics/phonology, and morphology in speech and writing. (Applied Learning)
3. Demonstrate an awareness, understanding, and appreciation of important literary and artistic movements/works, linguistics, history, translation, interpretation, and/or cultural aspects in relation to the Spanish-speaking world. (Specialized Knowledge)
4. Demonstrate knowledge of the linguistic variations that exist in the Spanish-speaking world. (Specialized Knowledge)
5. Develop a research project focused on the application of Spanish in an area of the student's choosing (e.g. analyzes significant literary movements/works and the authors; the application of Spanish in a professional context; second language acquisition or teaching methodologies). (Critical Thinking)
6. Compare commonalities and differences between Hispanic and other U.S. cultures. (Critical Thinking)

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

Pursue professional aspirations as a translator, interpreter, journalist, advertiser, linguistic specialist, and more.

Get Smarter

Continue your studies either in an MA, PhD, or other advanced degrees in Spanish language and Culture. Get certified as a translator or interpreter or use your skills in law school and other professional programs.

Get Involved

Join the Spanish club, *Pura Vida*, the Honors Program, or participate in professional organizations like the Colorado Translators Association.

Get Experience

Apply your expertise in a real-world setting by interning with a local service provider in healthcare, K-12 education or human services.

Study Abroad

Develop personal insights and understanding by travel and study in Costa Rica, Spain, Cuba, and other culturally significant places.

Get Some Attention

Take advantage of our small classes—always less than 30, probably less than 20.

Feel at Home

Maximize your academic experience in our state of the art campus facilities.



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.

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 between diverse areas of knowledge. The capstone also is 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 and Hispanic Studies Core Courses

Students will take advanced courses which improve their listening, speaking, reading, and written skills in Spanish. Students will gain complex and sophisticated understanding of Hispanic culture, language and literature, and complete a capstone course (FLAS 498) which is an opportunity for students to demonstrate that they have achieved the goals for learning established by our educational institution and major department.

Spanish Core

FLAS 300	Spanish Composition and Grammar (may be taken at same time as FLAS 213)
FLAS 304	Advanced Oral Production and Composition
FLAS 305	Advanced Spanish Grammar and Spanish English Contrasts
FLAS 311	History & Culture of Spain
FLAS 312	History & Culture of Latin America
FLAS 323	Introduction to Hispanic Literature I
FLAS 324	Introduction to Hispanic Literature II
FLAS 341	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics
FLAS 441	Applied Phonetics and Phonology

Students may select from the following additional courses to fulfill the requirements of the major.

FLAS 424	Advanced Hispanic Literature
FLAS 446	Spanish Language Variation
FLAS 431	Spanish for Medical & Social Services
FLAS 433	Spanish for the Professions
FLAS 434	Introduction to Translation
FLAS 435	Introduction to 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.