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 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 325 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

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