SPANISH CERTIFICATE
Department of Foreign Languages, College of Arts & Sciences

Vision Statement
The graduate certificate in Spanish provides students with the opportunity to earn a certificate degree after successful completion of 18 credit hours of intensive language proficiency training in Spanish. The program includes courses in Hispanic cultures, literature, linguistics, and, for those students interested in language teaching, language teaching pedagogy.

The graduate certificate in Spanish presents a rigorous language program that seeks to serve these student populations: (a) High school faculty interested in teaching dual enrollment classes and who are required to have 18 graduate credit hours in their discipline to be eligible. (b) Bilingual instructors who support dual language and world language programs. (c) Individuals in various fields (e.g., law enforcement, social work, psychological services, healthcare) who work with Spanish-speaking individuals.

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Admissions
General Application Requirements and Admission Criteria ([http://catalog.unomaha.edu/graduate/admission/](http://catalog.unomaha.edu/graduate/admission/))

Program-Specific Requirements
Application Deadlines (Spring 2023, Summer 2023, and Fall 2023)
Applications for this program are accepted on a rolling basis. All materials must be submitted prior to the beginning of the semester in which the student has elected to begin coursework.

Other Requirements
- Undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0
- **English Language Proficiency**: Applicants are required to have a command of oral and written English. Those who do not hold a baccalaureate or other advanced degree from the United States, OR a baccalaureate or other advanced degree from a predetermined country on the waiver list ([https://www.unomaha.edu/graduate-studies/prospective-students/Proof%20of%20English%20Proficiency-%20International.pdf](https://www.unomaha.edu/graduate-studies/prospective-students/Proof%20of%20English%20Proficiency-%20International.pdf)), must meet the minimum language proficiency score requirement in order to be considered for admission.
  - Paper-based TOEFL: 600, Internet-based TOEFL: 100, IELTS: 8, PTE: 68, Duolingo: 120
- **Statement of Purpose**: A statement of purpose (700-900 words, double space), written in Spanish is required. Some topics you might want to include:
  - Your interests and qualifications for graduate study
  - Description of yourself and your intellectual development
  - Strengths and weaknesses, and how you overcame them or challenges to overcoming them
  - Reasons why you want to join this program

### Degree Requirements

#### Code | Title | Credits
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SPAN 8036 | ADVANCED SPANISH CONVERSATION | 3

**One course from the following list:** 3

- SPAN 8146 | INTRODUCTION TO LATIN AMERICAN FILM
- SPAN 8156 | LITERATURE/CULTURE: CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN 1898-2000
- SPAN 8176 | INTRODUCTION TO LATIN AMERICAN LITERATURES
- SPAN 8956 | SPECIAL TOPICS: (TRACK 1 - LITERATURE & FILM)

**One course from the following list:**

- SPAN 8026 | LANGUAGE ENHANCEMENT THROUGH VOCABULARY LEARNING
- SPAN 8066 | INTRODUCTION TO TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION
- SPAN 8076 | HISPANIC BILINGUALISM
- SPAN 8086 | INTRODUCTION TO HISPANIC LINGUISTICS
- SPAN 8226 | THE STRUCTURE OF SPANISH
- SPAN 8976 | SPECIAL TOPICS: (TRACK 3 - LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGE FOR THE PROFESSIONS)

**Elective Courses:** 9

Students interested in Spanish language select three courses from the following list:

- SPAN 8066 | INTRODUCTION TO TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION
- SPAN 8076 | HISPANIC BILINGUALISM
- SPAN 8086 | INTRODUCTION TO HISPANIC LINGUISTICS
- SPAN 8156 | LITERATURE/CULTURE: CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN 1898-2000
- SPAN 8226 | THE STRUCTURE OF SPANISH
- SPAN 8440 | SEMINAR:SPANISH COMPOSITION
- SPAN 8900 | SPANISH INDEPENDENT STUDY
- SPAN 8956 | SPECIAL TOPICS: (TRACK 1 - LITERATURE & FILM)
- SPAN 8966 | SPECIAL TOPICS: (TRACK 2 - CULTURE AND SOCIETY)
- SPAN 8976 | SPECIAL TOPICS: (TRACK 3 - LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGE FOR THE PROFESSIONS)

Students interested in Spanish language teaching may replace up to two of the above courses with the following courses:

- FLNG 8020 | SEMINAR:FL/TESOL RESEARCH
- FLNG 8030 | SEMINAR: SECOND AND BILINGUAL LANGUAGE ACQUISITION THEORY
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**Total Credits** 18