

SPANISH CERTIFICATE

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.

Program Related Information

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Program Website (<https://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-arts-and-sciences/world-languages-and-literature/academics/graduate-certificate.php>)

Admissions

General Application Requirements and Admission Criteria (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/graduate/admission/>)

Application Deadlines

Spring 2026, Summer 2026, and Fall 2026: 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/office-of-graduate-studies/admissions/entrance-exams.php>), must meet the minimum language proficiency score requirement in order to be considered for admission.
 - Internet-based TOEFL: 100, IELTS: 7.5, PTE: 68, Duolingo: 130
- 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
 - Possible areas of research or deeper study
 - What you want to do after completion of the certificate
- Applicants must have at least advanced-low proficiency in Spanish

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Select 18 hours from the following:		18
SPAN 8036	ADVANCED SPANISH CONVERSATION	
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	PRO-SEMINAR: LITERATURE AND/OR FILM	
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	PRO-SEMINAR: LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGE FOR THE PROFESSIONS	
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	PRO-SEMINAR: LITERATURE AND/OR FILM	
SPAN 8966	PRO-SEMINAR: CULTURE AND SOCIETY	
SPAN 8976	PRO-SEMINAR: LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGE FOR THE PROFESSIONS	
WLL 8020	SEMINAR: FL/TESOL RESEARCH	
WLL 8030	SEMINAR: SECOND AND BILINGUAL LANGUAGE ACQUISITION THEORY	
WLL 8040	SEMINAR: ASSESSMENT & CURRICULUM DESIGN	
WLL 8050	THEORY AND METHODS IN THE TEACHING OF HERITAGE LANGUAGES	
WLL 8060	APPROACHES AND METHODS IN LANGUAGE TEACHING	
WLL 8900	DIRECTED READINGS	
WLL 8960	SEMINAR: SPECIAL TOPICS	
Total Credits		18