

TEACHING SPANISH TO HERITAGE/BILINGUAL LEARNERS CERTIFICATE

A graduate certificate in teaching Spanish to heritage/bilingual learners will provide students with the opportunity to earn a graduate certificate after completion of 18 credit hours. Courses will focus on the study of sociolinguistic and pedagogical (theory and practice) subjects relevant to the intricacies and challenges of teaching Spanish to bilingual learners (children who are bilingual) and heritage learners (bilingual adults).

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-heritage-bilingual.php>)

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Admissions

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

Application Deadlines

Spring 2026, Summer, 2026, and Fall 2026: Applications for this program are accepted on a rolling basis with a priority deadline of June 30 for fall admission, November 15 for spring admission, and April 15 for summer admission

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 personal statement (700-900 words, double space), written Spanish. Some topics you might want to consider:
 - 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
Required Courses		
WLL 8050	THEORY AND METHODS IN THE TEACHING OF HERITAGE LANGUAGES	3
WLL 8060	APPROACHES AND METHODS IN LANGUAGE TEACHING	3
WLL 8900	DIRECTED READINGS	3
Select one of the following:		3
SPAN 8076	HISPANIC BILINGUALISM	
SPAN 8126	HISPANIC SOCIOLINGUISTICS	
SPAN 8136	SPANISH IN THE UNITED STATES	
Select two of the following:		6
SPAN 8026	LANGUAGE ENHANCEMENT THROUGH VOCABULARY LEARNING	
SPAN 8086	INTRODUCTION TO HISPANIC LINGUISTICS	
SPAN 8176	INTRODUCTION TO LATIN AMERICAN LITERATURES	
SPAN 8226	THE STRUCTURE OF SPANISH	
WLL 8020	SEMINAR:FL/TESOL RESEARCH	
WLL 8030	SEMINAR: SECOND AND BILINGUAL LANGUAGE ACQUISITION THEORY	
WLL 8040	SEMINAR: ASSESSMENT & CURRICULUM DESIGN	
Total Credits		18

Students must complete all required coursework with a grade of B or better.