

FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Spanish program studies the language, linguistics, literature, culture and civilization of Spain, Spanish America and the Spanish-speaking areas of the United States. Getting a major in Spanish builds valuable skills including better problem solving, decision-making, planning, and presenting and defending ideas in different modes to a wide range of audiences. Some examples of career fields supported by a Spanish major are: health care, education, social work, counseling, interpreting, translation, law enforcement, government, banking, hospitality, law, travel and tourism, international and domestic business, arts and media, and diplomacy. Spanish is useful as a standalone major and also strengthens any other discipline as an additional major. Majoring in a language helps you stand out from your competition in the job market and bilinguals have both a higher earning potential and are more desirable in whatever career they choose.

Students who speak Spanish at home can also benefit from our program through increased confidence in their formal writing and speaking proficiency and a demonstrated credential verifying their expertise.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a shared advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major advisor.

For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:

CLAS Academic Advising

clas.advising@ucdenver.edu

Visit the CLAS Advising website [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) 1030

303-315-7100

For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:

Spanish Major Advising

[CLAS Major Advisor Contact Information](#)

Visit the program website [here](#)

Plaza Building (PL) 118

303-315-7234

For questions about admission requirements, transfer policies, applying, and the transfer process contact:

Office of Admissions

admissions@ucdenver.edu

Visit the Admissions website [here](#)

Student Commons Building (SCB) 1005

303-315-2601

GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 30 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) credit hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS credit hours with letter grades at CU Denver

*The following are **maximum** credit hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:*

- 16 credit hours Pass/Fail
- 12 credit hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 credit hours of internship credit
- 8 credit hours of physical education credit

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The following program requirements are based on degree requirements for the current Catalog year at CU Denver and are subject to change. Students are responsible for completing degree requirements based on the Catalog year for which they are admitted.

Students are responsible for meeting with the major advisor to confirm major requirements. In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the Spanish - Language, Literature, and Culture B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 36 credit hours with a minimum of 30 SPAN credit hours.
2. Students may have 6 credits (two courses) of SPAN at the 2000 level apply to the major, and must complete 24 total credits of SPAN courses at the upper division (3000-level and higher). At least 12 SPAN credit hours must be completed at the 4000-level or higher.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all courses that apply to the major and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.5. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to major requirements.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 18 SPAN credit hours with CU Denver faculty.
5. Courses taken at other institutions while a student is enrolled at CU Denver may be applied to the major only with departmental approval before enrollment in those courses.
6. Before enrolling in their final semester in the language, Spanish majors must be evaluated by the faculty in oral and written skills. Students must see their Spanish advisor for specific information.
7. Up to 6 credit hours of the 36 upper division level credit hours may be taken in related fields.

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COURSEWORK THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION

The following is a “bucket” of requirements students can complete prior to transferring to CU Denver, including equivalent Colorado Community College System (CCCS) courses. To determine the equivalencies of courses to be completed at non-CU Denver institutions, students can visit <https://transferology.com/school/ucdenver>. **It is critical students connect with a CU Denver academic advisor to ensure planned courses will transfer and apply to CU Denver degree requirements.** All non-CU Denver coursework must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for transfer.

Students interested in completing an Associate (A.A. or A.S.) Degree or a [Colorado Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement or Degree with Designation \(DWD\)](#) must work with their community/junior college academic advisor to create an academic plan that accounts for all degree or transfer articulation agreement requirements. Colorado Community College Students may also explore the option to complete [Reverse Transfer](#) at CU Denver.

CU Denver Requirements	CU Denver Credits	CCCS Equivalent Courses & Notes	CCCS Credits
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	34 - 40		
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3	ENG 1021	
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3	ENG 1022	
Mathematics	3 - 4	MAT 1240 <i>recommended</i> or GT-MA1	
Arts	3	SPA 2011 or GT-AH	
Humanities	3	SPA 2012 or GT-AH or GT-HI	
Behavioral Sciences	3 - 4	GT-SS	
Social Sciences	3 - 4	GT-SS or GT-HI*	
Natural/Physical Science with lab	4 - 5	GT-SC1	
Natural/Physical Science without lab or Math	3 - 5	GT-SC2 or GT-MA1 (<i>except the course used for Core Math</i>) or GT-SC1	
International Perspectives	3	Additional GT-AH, HI, SS* (<i>see note below</i>)	
Cultural Diversity	3	<i>To be completed at CU Denver. This requirement must be completed with an upper-division course and CCCS courses will not apply.</i>	---
SPAN Prerequisite Courses	6	<i>The following courses are not required for the SPAN major; however, students must demonstrate or achieve proficiency equivalent to SPAN 2120 at CU Denver in order to progress to SPAN major courses.</i>	
SPAN 2110 Second Year Spanish I	3	SPA 2011 <i>Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Arts</i>	
SPAN 2120 Second Year Spanish II	3	SPA 2012 <i>Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Humanities</i>	
Minimum Applicable Transfer Credits Recommended:	60	<i>Students completing less than 60 applicable transfer credits will have additional credits to complete at CU Denver. Students are highly encouraged to explore and complete additional programs including certificates, minors, double-majors, and dual-degrees. Students needing general elective credits should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor to plan for additional programs.</i>	

*The applicability of Guaranteed Transfer (GT Pathways) courses to specific CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements requires completion of a block of five courses: two GT-AH courses; one GT-HI course; one GT-SS course; and one additional GT-AH, GT-HI, or GT-SS course.



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SAMPLE PLAN – COURSEWORK TO BE COMPLETED AT CU DENVER

Based on successful completion of 60 applicable transfer credits and the complete “bucket” of requirements outlined above, students would have the following remaining to complete at CU Denver. At CU Denver, students must tailor this plan based on the evaluation of previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, individual preferences related to course load, summer term courses, part-time or full-time student status, or add-on programs such as certificates, minors, double-majors, or dual-degrees.

Note: This plan assumes students have achieved Spanish language proficiency equivalent to or higher than CU Denver’s SPAN 2120. Students who have not fulfilled this requirement must work with the SPAN Advisor to modify this plan.

Year 3 - Fall	CRS
SPAN 3101 ^{PR}	3
SPAN 37XX	3
CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 3 - Spring	CRS
SPAN 3065 ^{PR}	3
SPAN 32XX	3
SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 4 - Fall	CRS
SPAN 4000-Level Elective	3
SPAN 4000-Level Elective	3
SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 4 - Spring	CRS
SPAN 4000-Level Elective	3
SPAN 4000-Level Elective	3
SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3
SPAN Upper-Division Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

^M Major Course Available ^C CU Denver Core Course ^{PE} Prerequisite Enforced ^{PR} Prerequisite Recommended