SPANISH

Program Description

The Spanish and Hispanic Studies Program at CMU develops students' abilities to speak and write Spanish, understand spoken and written Spanish, as well as develop cultural competency, which enables them to interact with individuals of various Spanish-speaking countries. In addition to the core classes, students may select from a variety of courses in language, literature, and applying Spanish in professional situations. If they are interested in applying their Spanish skills, students can strengthen their skills in a professional environment, including medical and social services, translation, interpreting, and business. They may also gain experience through internships in a variety of settings, including the sheriff's department, the county courthouse, various medical offices, and non-profit organizations. Students may choose courses that provide theoretical and applied insights into Spanish language, linguistics, and literature. In literature courses, they will examine specific literary genres as well as a variety of the periods, regions, and movements. In linguistics courses, they can explore language variation in the Hispanic world through Phonetics & Phonology and Sociolinguistics.

With our ever-increasing contact with Spanish speakers both at home and abroad, bilingual skills will help you communicate with those in your field, whether you pursue a career in health, law, engineering, construction management, business, or social work. This ability can open doors in any profession you choose. Studies have shown that job candidates who have bilingual abilities are highly sought after. Employers value the ability to communicate in Spanish, and strong language skills enhance graduates' opportunities, especially when they combine their Spanish degree with other CMU programs.

An optional Spanish Summer Study Abroad Program provides direct exposure to language and culture in a variety of countries. Coordinated with the Spanish content courses, the Center for Teacher Education at CMU offers a comprehensive program of study that leads to a secondary teaching licensure in Colorado. At 21 credits, the Spanish minor is also a perfect complement to any major.

Contact Information

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Programs of Study Bachelors/Minors

- Education: Secondary Education, Spanish (BA)
- Hispanic Studies, Spanish (BA)
- Spanish (Minor)
- Translation and Interpreting, Spanish (BA)

Certificates

- Spanish-English Bilingual (Professional Certificate)