ADVANCED SPANISH LANGUAGE AND HISPANIC CULTURAL STUDIES, POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE

The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Advanced Spanish Language and Hispanic Cultural Studies requires 15 semester hours and is designed for professionals who may have a bachelor's degree in a field other than Spanish but who are able to demonstrate linguistic and analytical skills in Spanish equivalent to having completed a minimum of 21 undergraduate semester hours above the 204 level.

Program goals are

1. to increase student’s language skills in Spanish to a high level;
2. to prepare qualified candidates for cross-cultural professions; and
3. to help prepare instructors who must have at least 18 hours of graduate credit in order to teach Spanish at an accredited community college, four-year college or university.

Students may choose to continue with an additional 3-hour course or apply for admission as MA candidates.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see the Guide to Graduate Admissions.

In addition to the application materials required by The Graduate School, applicants to the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Advanced Spanish Language and Hispanic Cultural Studies must provide the following:

- 500-word essay in Spanish describing their professional goals and motivation for pursuing graduate work in the certificate.
- 3-to 5-minute unscripted tape, audio CD (in standard format), or digital audio file in Spanish to introduce themselves and describe their academic or equivalent preparation to pursue advanced proficiency in Spanish.
- 5-to 10-page sample of professional or academic analytical writing in English or Spanish.
- Applicants to the certificate program are expected to demonstrate at a minimum an “intermediate high” proficiency in Spanish by appropriate course work, by a personal interview with the faculty, or by an officially recognized testing procedure such as that of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

Certificate Requirements

Required: 15 credit hours

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SPB 605 Seminar in Hispanic Linguistics ¹
SPB 610
SPB 693 Special Topics in Spanish Language and/or Literature ²
SPB 695 Directed Study
SPB 697 Internship in Spanish
LLC 519 Second Language Acquisition
LLC 600 Methods of Teaching Modern Languages ³

¹ May be repeated for credit when topic varies.
² Not accepted for transfer to the MA in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures with a concentration in Spanish or the MEd in Teacher Education with concentration in Spanish.
³ Required for students who enroll in the certificate as a credential for college-level teaching.

Additional Information

Upon completion of the certificate, the graduate faculty will conduct an interview in Spanish with the student.