
This program leads to a profession which requires an occupational license as defined under Texas Occupations Code 58.001 This requires that all applicants seeking to become licensed must undergo a criminal background check prior to licensure. Students in this program should check with the College of Education and P-16 Integration on the requirements for a criminal background check prior to student teaching.

Globalization and the Internet Revolution have intensified contact among cultures, and hence an education in multiple languages and technology is an absolute imperative in the new millennium. Pursuing a B.A. in Spanish with Teacher Certification not only insures bilingual and bicultural competencies, but also fosters critical and creative thinking skills through the study of literature, linguistics, curriculum, pedagogy, cognition, Culture, and cultures. Our program promotes these skills by introducing students to philosophical issues examined in literature and art; to writing and analytical skills; to professional teaching skills; and to the rich cultural complexities of languages, peoples, and nations across the globe. In addition to Education (public and private K-12 schools, student exchange programs, corporate programs for foreign transfers), a student with a BA degree in Spanish Education may consider work in the following areas: government (armed forces, Department of Justice, US Citizenship and Immigration Service), non-profit organizations (civic organizations, international exchange programs, social work and social services), commerce (customer service, translation and interpretation, research, marketing firms), travel and tourism (airlines and airports, travel agencies, convention centers), arts media & entertainment (advertising, foreign news agencies, museums) or public service (civil service, international service organizations, social and rehab services).

A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE – 42 HOURS

Students must fulfill the General Education Core requirements.

B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 42 HOURS (36 advanced)

1 – Spanish Core – 12 hours (6 advanced)

SPAN 2313 Spanish for Heritage Language Learners II
SPAN 2315 Spanish for Heritage Language Learners III
SPAN 3300 Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition I
SPAN 3301 Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition II

2 – Literature – 12 hours (12 advanced)

SPAN 3305 Techniques of Literary Analysis
SPAN 3306 Introduction to Spanish Literature
SPAN 3307 Introduction to Latin American Literature
SPAN 3308 Introduction to Latina/o Literature

3 – Linguistics – 9 hours (9 advanced)

SPAN 4310 Spanish Applied Linguistics
SPAN 4315 Acquisition of the Spanish Language
Choose one:
SPAN 3311 Spanish Phonology and Phonetics
SPAN 4311 Spanish in Social Context

4 – Support Courses – 9 hours (9 advanced)

SPAN 3338 The Hispanic World
SPAN 4370 Teaching Spanish as a Heritage Language
SPAN 4380 Senior Seminar

C – TEACHER CERTIFICATION – 27 HOURS (24 advanced)

Area of Certification: Spanish (EC-12)

EDFR 2301 Intercultural Context of Schooling
EDUC 3301 The Teaching Profession and Student Learning in Contemporary Schools
EDUC 3302 Knowledge of Student Development and Learning
EDUC 3303 Evidence-Based Teaching in Positive Learning Environments
EDUC 3304 Instructional Planning and Assessment in Culturally Sustaining Classrooms
EDUC 4306 Implementing and Assessing Effective Secondary Content Pedagogy
READ 4305 Disciplinary Literacy in Content Area Classrooms
EDUC 4611 Student Teaching Secondary or All-Level

D – FREE ELECTIVES – 9 HOURS

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 120 HOURS
TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS – 60 HOURS

ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:

Progression requirements

For teacher certification, students must apply for admission and be accepted to the College of Education and P-16 Integration prior to enrolling in teacher certification courses, except for EDFR 2301 which is open to all students. Students unable to be admitted to EDUC 4611 will be required to substitute for 6 advanced hours, as recommended by advisor.

Graduation requirements

1. Students must pass the TExES LOTE Spanish Exam (TEA), and pass the TExES PPR exam (TEA).
2. In addition to the graduation requirements listed in the UTRGV 2018-2019 Undergraduate Catalog, demonstration of proficiency in a language other than English is required at the undergraduate level equivalent to a minimum of six credit hours. Proficiency can be demonstrated by a college credit exam, a placement test approved through the UTRGV Department of Writing and Language Studies, and/or up to six credit hours of college-level language coursework.