Spanish at UTRGV is not just about taking six hours to meet your language proficiency requirements. It’s about learning how languages develop, how we interact with other people and cultures, and how we can communicate with each other to change our world for the better. The Spanish BA with Teaching Certification gives you the opportunity to do that work in the classroom, engaging students in the study of Spanish language, literature, and culture.

Globalization and online communication have intensified contact among cultures and languages. An education in teaching Spanish is helpful to provide students with bilingual and bicultural competencies that set them apart in professional situations.

Spanish studies also fosters critical and creative thinking skills through the study of literature, linguistics, translation, creative writing, and cultural studies. A Spanish BA with Teaching Certification helps you prepare as a teacher, a mentor, and a champion of language diversity in our classrooms and our communities.
MILESTONES

• UTRGV has a Writing Center and a Learning Center. Make it a point to visit them, especially for the practice necessary in your freshman and sophomore Spanish acquisition classes.
• Complete your core English classes (section 010) during your first year.
• Complete 90 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years.
• Shoot for a GPA of 3.0-4.0.
• Complete major foundation classes, such as SPAN 2313 & SPAN 2315.

ADVICE & SUPPORT

• Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!
• Choose a major with confidence. Visit us at UTRGV.edu and check out the Kuder Journey.
• Visit a faculty member during their office hours and ask a question about class.
• Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your group.
• Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits.

APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN

• Look for a service-learning course! For guidance, visit Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
• Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project.
• Ask a student in class to study with you.
• Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu.
• Attend a diversity based campus or community event (e.g. MLK Day of Service).
• Attend a WLS/LCS program highlighting Heritage Languages & Literatures like Multilingual Fest or a Film Festival featuring international works.
• Join a student organization! Consider looking into Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society or visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.

GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

• Create a resume and set up your profile on the Career Connection icon (My.UTRGV.edu).
• Got summer plans? Visit Career Center and ask about places to do some job shadowing.
• Research shows that students who work on campus perform better than those who work off campus. Look for a job on the Career Center portal!
• Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger for a job on the Career Center portal!

LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

• Visit the Career Center to find a job fair to attend. At the event, approach a recruiter and ask about possibilities.
• Will a minor expand your career options? We recommend English for a bilingual background in literatures and languages, but a minor in any area is complemented with a Spanish Major.
• Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.

FIRST YEAR

• Complete SPAN 3310 and SPAN 3310 in preparation for your other remaining upper level SPAN classes.
• Map out your upper level SPAN courses for this year and next year so that you can begin your Teacher Certification courses year four.
• Complete 30 credit hours.

SECOND YEAR

• Complete SPAN 3330 and SPAN 3330 in preparation for your other remaining upper level SPAN classes.
• You 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 EDPS 2303 which is open to all students.
• You will need to pass the Oral Proficiency Interview (ACTFL), the TEEX LOTE Spanish Exam (TEA), and the TEEX PPR exam (TEA). Begin learning about and preparing for these with faculty mentors.

THIRD YEAR

• Complete 30 credit hours.
• Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.
• Ask a student in class to study with you.
• Project.

FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND

• Shoot for a GPA of 3.0-4.0.
• “I have a plan for after graduation.” If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!
• Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
• Submit your application(s) for teaching jobs.

CAREERS

• Teaching
• Research
• Applied linguistics
• Teacher training
• Curriculum development
• Test/Assessment development
• Foreign language instruction
• English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction
• English to Speakers of Other Language (TESOL)
• Instruction
• Literacy development
• Information/Library science

For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out “What Can I Do With This Major?” www.utrgv.edu/careercenter