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.

Globalization and online communication have intensified contact among cultures and languages. An education in multiple languages is an absolute imperative in the new Millennium. Pursuing a B.A. in Spanish not only insures bilingual and bicultural competencies, but also fosters critical and creative thinking skills through the study of literature, linguistics, translation, creative writing, Culture, and cultures. Our program promotes these skills by introducing students to philosophical issues examined in literature and art; to writing and analytical skills; and to the rich cultural complexities of languages, peoples, and nations across the globe.
MILESTONES

FIRST YEAR

- 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 30 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.
- Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!
- Choose a major with confidence—Visit my.UTRGV.edu and check out MyMajors.
- 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.
- 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 Vink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.
- Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake icon: (My.UTRGV.edu).
- Get 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 Handshake!
- Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger and attend one student workshop.
- UT Rio Grande Valley 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.
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- Complete 30 credit hours. Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.
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- Complete SPAN 3300, a prerequisite for many upper level SPAN classes.
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- Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors!
- Come ready with course suggestions and questions when you visit your academic advisor.
- Visit the Communication Hausser Lab for help with your speeches.
- Trouble making your tuition payment? The Financial Aid Office can help. Payment plans and emergency loans are also available.
- To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Consider attending the Leadershape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholarship Symposium.
- Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to Mexico or Spain.
- Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.
- Join another student organization that challenges you to practice your Spanish and even a third language.
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- Consider the global campus/ community engagement (e.g. MLK Day of Service).
- Consider serving on a campus life/community partnership or become a student leader and make a difference. Visit Vink or speak with your Student Government Association for more information!
- Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities at Office for International Programs & Partnerships.
- Check out the LCSS and WLS department websites for postings on career/graduate school.
- Think about three people you can ask for letters of recommendation (professors, mentors, advisors, supervisors, etc.). Give them at least two weeks’ advance notice!
- When is the deadline for your graduate school application? Visiting the program admissions webpage. Most do not accept late applicants!
- Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium or at Multilingual Fest.
- Set up an informational interview with an individual (especially an alumnus) currently in the field you aspire to work in.
- Identify employers of interest and seek them out at job fairs or online, at on-campus information sessions, staffing agencies, etc. The Career Center can help.
- Before a job interview, schedule a mock interview with the Career Center or speech coaching with the Communication Hausser Lab.

SECOND YEAR

- Complete 30 credit hours. Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.
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