- creative thinking skills through the study of literature, linguistics, translation, creative writing, and cultural studies. A Spanish BA with experiences in those areas, then, is great preparation for careers in law, business, education, and the many health professions.
- intensified contact among cultures and languages. An education in multiple languages is a must in the new millennium, providing students with bilingual and bicultural competencies that set them apart in professional situations. Spanish studies also fosters critical and
- Globalization and online communication have
- 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.
- Additional Info

Spanish at UTRGV is not just about taking six

hours to meet your language proficiency

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## **Degree Info**

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not only insures bilingual and bicultural

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creative thinking skills through the study of

literature, linguistics, translation, creative

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to philosophical issues examined in literature

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	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND	CAREERS
MILESTONES	<ul> <li>□ 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.</li> <li>□ Complete your core English classes (section 010) during your first year.</li> <li>□ Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years.</li> <li>□ Shoot for a GPA of 3.0-4.0.</li> <li>□ Complete major foundation classes, such as SPAN 2313 &amp; SPAN 2315.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Shoot for a GPA of 3.0-4.0.</li> <li>□ Complete SPAN 3300, a prerequisite for many upper level SPAN classes.</li> <li>□ Complete 30 credit hours.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Shoot for a GPA of 3.0-4.0.</li> <li>□ Complete 30 credit hours.</li> <li>□ Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Shoot for a GPA of 3.0-4.0.</li> <li>□ "I have a plan for after graduation." If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!</li> <li>□ Register for your Capstone/senior/portfolio project: SPAN 4349</li> <li>□ Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.</li> <li>□ Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Translation</li> <li>Interpretin</li> <li>Language documenta</li> <li>Fieldwork</li> <li>Lexicograph</li> </ul>
ADVICE & SUPPORT	<ul> <li>Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!</li> <li>Choose a major with confidence- Visit my.UTRGV.edu and check out MyMajors.</li> <li>Visit a faculty member during their office hours and ask a</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors!</li> <li>Come ready with course suggestions and questions when you visit your academic advisor.</li> <li>Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Seek out research opportunities within Spanish and talk to your Spanish teachers about joining a professional organization or doing an undergraduate research project.</li> <li>Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for graduation next year.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Engage in an independent study project or an academic internship to complement your major, such as working with a local school on a literacy project or contributing to FESTIBA as a student presenter.</li> <li>Discuss future plans with your faculty mentor or advisor that includes employment, finances, and other life goals.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>(work with dictionarie</li><li>Technical</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>question about class.</li> <li>Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your group.</li> <li>Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits.</li> </ul>	your speeches.  Trouble making your tuition payment? The Financial Aid Office can help. Payment plans and emergency loans are also available	Apply for internship and/or job shadowing opportunities. Discuss this with your advisor, faculty mentor, or Career Center.	Apply for graduation one semester prior to your anticipated date. Visit the Academic Advising Center to ensure you are on track.	<ul><li>writing</li><li>Editing</li><li>Journalism</li></ul>
APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN	<ul> <li>Look for a service-learning course! For guidance, visit Engaged Scholarship &amp; Learning Office.</li> <li>Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project.</li> <li>Ask a student in class to study with you.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship &amp; Learning Office.</li> <li>Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>☐ Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!</li> <li>☐ Sharpen your writing skills! Take an intensive writing course such as SPAN 3308: Intro to Latina/o Lit, SPAN 4311: Spanish in Social Contexts, or a SPAN creative writing class.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium or at Multilingual Fest!.</li> <li>□ Set up an informational interview with an individual (especially an alumnus) currently in the field you aspire to work in.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Medical linguistics</li><li>Forensic linguistics</li></ul>
GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	<ul> <li>□ Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu.</li> <li>□ Attend a diversity based campus or community event (e.g. MLK Day of Service).</li> <li>□ Attend a WLS/LCS program highlighting Heritage Languages &amp; Literatures like Multilingual Fest or a Film Festival featuring international works.</li> <li>□ Join a student organization! Consider looking into Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to Mexico or Spain.</li> <li>□ Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.</li> <li>□ Join another student organization that challenges you to practice your Spanish and even a third language.</li> <li>□ Check out a campus event that offers free lunchbring a friend!</li> </ul>	□ Consider serving on a campus life/community committee or become a student leader and make a difference. Visit VLink or speak with your Student Government Association for more information! □ Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities at Office for International Programs & Partnerships.	<ul> <li>□ Identify employers of interest and seek them out at job fairs, online, at on-campus information sessions, staffing agencies, etc. The Career Center can help.</li> <li>□ Before a job interview, schedule a mock interview with the Career Center or speech coaching with the Communication Hauser Lab.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Product naming</li><li>Consulting</li></ul>
LIFE AFTER GRADUATION	or visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.  Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake 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 Handshake!  Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger- locate and attend one student workshop.	<ul> <li>□ Update your resume in Handshake and have it reviewed.</li> <li>□ Visit the Career Center site to find a job fair to attend. At the event, approach a recruiter and discuss internships.</li> <li>□ Will a minor expand your career options? We recommend a minor in English for a bilingual background in literatures and languages, but a minor in any area is complemented with a Spanish Major.</li> <li>□ Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Check out the LCS and WLS department websites for postings on career/graduate school.</li> <li>□ Think about three people you can ask for letters of recommendation (professors, mentors, advisors, supervisors, etc.). Give them at least two weeks' advance notice!</li> <li>□ When is the deadline for your graduate school application? Visiting the program admissions webpage. Most do not accept late applicants!</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Have you received your acceptance for graduate school or an employment offer? If not, network: talk to faculty, the Career Center, and get on LinkedIn.</li> <li>□ Formulate and implement a strategy for life after graduation: attend career fairs, graduate fairs, apply to fellowships, etc.</li> <li>□ Update your information with Alumni Relations. Enjoy alumni mixers, events and continued access to Career Center services!</li> <li>□ Remember to do your exit loan counseling on studentloans.gov.</li> </ul>	For additional info, vis Career Center website check out "What Can With This Major? www.utrgv.edu/career

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