

Spanish for Professionals
Certificate



Spanish for Professionals Online Certificate

Learn to communicate in Spanish in a professional setting

Department of Modern and Classical Languages



Why a certificate in Spanish for professionals?

The Spanish for Professionals Certificate Program is designed for the working professional and for currently enrolled students who anticipate career paths in which the ability to communicate in Spanish will enhance their **professional success**. Spanish for Professionals courses are designed to accommodate different communicative needs and learning styles through task-based exercises, computer-based and online instruction. These approaches allow for **flexibility** in scheduling both for working professionals and for students who wish to add this certificate to their plan of study while pursuing a related **major or minor**.

Learning Objectives

1

Develop cultural awareness of the Hispanic cultures

2

Develop understanding of the social, economical, and cultural norms at play in professional contexts, abroad and in the **USA**

3

Build proficiency in Spanish with an emphasis on speaking and listening within the context of various Spanish dialects

4

Develop basic research skills for learning about Spanish in your professional field

5

Allow for opportunities for practice in simulated environments



Differences between a minor in Spanish and the Spanish for Professionals Certificate



Spanish for Professionals



- Focuses on oral communication in professional settings.
- Coursework includes task-based activities in which you practice how to use your Spanish for specific purposes. In addition, you will learn about the culture of the professional area and the Hispanic cultures.
- Emphasis is on culture and the areas of expertise: health professions, business, and law enforcement.

Spanish Minor



- Focuses on communication in daily settings (e.g., travel, schooling)
- Coursework includes the study of literature and culture.
- Emphasis is on the area of humanities and liberal arts.

Coursework

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All courses are offered online.

Total hours required for the certificate: 12-18 hours, depending on the level of Spanish upon entrance into the program.

A grade of "C" or higher is required in each course.

Basic courses

1

SPAN 2001 Intermediate Spanish language and Hispanic cultures I

SPAN 2002 Intermediate Spanish language and Hispanic cultures 2

Specialized courses

2

SPAN 3012 Applied Spanish Conversation

SPAN 3014 Language, Culture and Advanced Conversation

Research and Practicum

3

SPAN 4500 Professional related internship, practicum or study abroad

SPAN 4501 Research project in Spanish for professionals





About our courses

Spanish 3012

- 1 Analysis of the language used in professional settings.

Development of specialized vocabulary.

Guided oral practice in task-based activities.

Spanish 3014

- 2 Understanding of cultural factors affecting communication.

Oral practice in simulated environments.

Mini-research projects: focus on process of research and the identification of sources of information.

Spanish 4050 and 4051

- 3 Hands-on experiences in the community or abroad.

In-depth research and analysis of a topic of interest in a professional area.

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