

Spanish

Certificate Offered

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Nature of the Program

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Admissions

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List of Admission Requirements:

- Curriculum Vitae or Resume.
- A one page (300 word) personal statement that describes the applicant's interest in the certificate program.
- An academic writing sample in Spanish, which may be a 10-15 page paper previously submitted for an academic course.
- A 3-minute self-introduction speech recording in Spanish.
- One letter of recommendation from an academic reference.

International Applicants:

- See the steps to apply for admissions and access the application here (<https://graduateadmissions.wvu.edu/how-to-apply/>).
- International applicants should view additional requirements here (<http://catalog.wvu.edu/graduate/graduateeducationatwestvirginiauniversity/#internationaltext>) and here (<https://graduateadmissions.wvu.edu/information-for/international-students/>).
- English language proficiency is required in order to hold a graduate teaching assistantship. See here (<https://elli.wvu.edu/testing-resources/english-proficiency-gtas/>).

Application Deadline:

- For admission to the fall semester, completed applications must be received by February 1st.
- For admission to the spring semester, completed applications must be received by October 1st.

For questions, please contact: WorldLangInfo@mail.wvu.edu

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS 2024-2025

The Admission Requirements above will be the same for the 2024-2025 Academic Year.

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Graduation Requirement: Students must earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in courses applied to the certificate.

Code	Title	Hours
CORE COURSES		6
Choose two of the following courses:		
LANG 621	Teaching Foreign Language in College	
LING 501	Structure of Spanish	
LING 620	Spanish Prosody	
SPAN 521	Dialectology and Sociolinguistics	
ELECTIVES		6

Choose two of the following courses:

SPAN 611	Literary Criticism
SPAN 631	Latin American Short Story
SPAN 637	Early Spanish-American Literature
SPAN 638	Mexican Literature
SPAN 640	19th Century Latin American Literature
SPAN 641	20th- and 21st-Century Latin American Literature
SPAN 643	Contemporary Spanish Literature
SPAN 651	Medieval and Golden Age
SPAN 653	Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Literature

Total Hours

12

Certificate Learning Outcomes

SPANISH

Students completing this graduate certificate will be able to:

1. Explain basic concepts in phonology, morphology, syntax and dialectal variation of the Spanish language, and analyze the relevant data from Spanish using these tools.
2. Identify, describe, and evaluate major historical, literary, cultural and social contexts related to the Hispanic world.