

# Spanish Education

## Department Information

- **Department Location:**  
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- **Credential Offered:**  
B.S.; B.A.
- **Official Program Curriculum:**  
[bulletin.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/spanish-education/](http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/spanish-education/)

Spanish Education involves learning about Spanish language and culture, while simultaneously developing knowledge and skills related to teaching. Your classes will be a blend of content courses related to the language, as well as pedagogy (teaching) courses. Meeting all of the program's requirements prepares you for teacher certification.

## The Program

Candidates in the Spanish education major are prepared for a language teaching career by getting the best of both worlds: content courses with faculty in the Department of Modern Languages and professional education courses from faculty in the School of Education (SOE). In addition to required courses, Spanish education students need to study abroad where the target language is spoken.

## Professional Education Courses

Students may enroll in the 300-level professional education courses before being formally admitted to the SOE. Prior to enrolling in the 400-level courses, students must complete the application for admission to the SOE; attain a minimum of a 2.75 grade point average overall in their course work and education courses; and pass the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators exam(s). A minimum grade of "B" is required in the SPAN teaching specialty courses. Requirements for admission can be found on the School of Education website (<https://www.ndsu.edu/education>).

## Student Teaching

Student teaching is the culmination of the teaching program. Students have the opportunity to apply knowledge and skills acquired in college courses under the supervision of an experienced Spanish educator.

## Student Advisement

Students will be assigned individual advisors who will work closely in program planning and in other ways to advise and assist them. Students are encouraged to seek advising from both Modern Languages and the School of Education whenever needed.

## Certification

Upon completing this program, students are eligible for certification to teach Spanish in most states. The program is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

## Career Opportunities

A degree in Spanish Education will prepare you to teach Spanish at the 7-12 level. The demand for language teachers continues to be great. In general, "employment of high school teachers is projected to grow 8 percent from 2016-2026, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Rising student enrollment should increase demand for high school teachers, but employment growth will vary by region" (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/high-school-teachers.htm>)

## Plan of Study

Please note this is a sample plan of study and not an official curriculum. Actual student schedules for each semester will vary depending on start year, education goals, applicable transfer credit, and course availability. Students are encouraged to work with their academic advisor on a regular basis to review degree progress and customize an individual plan of study.

First Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 110	4	COMM 110	3
SPAN 201	3	EDUC 321	3

Wellness Gen Ed	2	ENGL 120	3
Social & Behavioral Science Gen Ed	3	SPAN 202	3
Quantitative Reasoning Gen Ed	3	Science & Technology Gen Ed	3
		Complete Core Academic Skills Exam	
	15		15
<b>Second Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Credits</b>
EDUC 322	3	EDUC 451	3
SPAN 311	3	SPAN 312	3
Other Foreign Language I	4	SPAN 401	3
Science & Technology Gen Ed	3	Spanish Special Methods Course (completed through Tri-College at MSUM or Concordia)	3
Elective	3	Other Foreign Language II	4
Apply to the School of Education			
	16		16
<b>Third Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Credits</b>
EDUC 481	2-3	Semester Abroad (5 upper division Spanish courses approved by advisor)	15
EDUC 489	3		
SPAN 330 or 331 or SPAN Elective	3		
SPAN Elective	3		
Science & Technology with lab Gen Ed	4		
	15-16		15
<b>Fourth Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Credits</b>
EDUC 486	3	EDUC 485	1
SPAN 489	1	EDUC 487	9
Social & Behavioral Science Gen Ed	3	EDUC 488	3
SPAN Elective	3		
SPAN Elective	3		
Elective	3		
Apply for Student Teaching			
Complete PLT (grades 7-12) Exam			
Complete Subject Area Assessment Exam			
	16		13
Total Credits: 121-122			