

# Spanish Language Pedagogy (Graduate Certificate)

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Learn the skills to effectively teach Spanish as a second language. Develop the expertise to teach students with diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds and to utilize modern technologies to enhance student learning.

## Program description

**Degree awarded: Certificate Spanish Language Pedagogy (certificate)**

Through graduate coursework, the certificate program in Spanish language pedagogy enables practicing teachers and graduate students to understand the process of Spanish language acquisition and learn advanced teaching methodologies in order to make sound pedagogical decisions that lead to effective teaching and learning.

Students gain competence in designing effective and engaging Spanish language lessons for their students and learn to be sensitive to the needs of students with diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds, such as heritage learners. Students learn to design accurate assessment measurements, writing assignments and culture-based lessons as well as utilize modern technologies to enhance Spanish language education.

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

## Degree requirements

18 credit hours and a portfolio

**Required Core (3 credit hours)**

SPA 596 Second Language Methodologies (3)

**Other Requirements (9 credit hours)**

SPA 543 Structure of Spanish (3)

SPA 546 Heritage Language Pedagogy (3)

SPA 598 Special Topic: Spanish Second Language Acquisition (3)

**Electives (6 credit hours)****Culminating Experience (0 credit hours)**

portfolio (0)

**Additional Curriculum Information**

For courses listed as other requirements, alternative courses may be used with approval of the certificate codirectors.

## **Admission requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in Spanish, Spanish literature and culture, Spanish linguistics, applied linguistics, second language acquisition and teaching, or a related field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. professional resume
4. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of their current residency.

International students who need an F1 or J1 visa first need to apply to and be accepted into a graduate degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the USA on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission to be considered for admission to this certificate program.

## Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

## Application deadlines

Fall

Spring [expand](#)

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## Career opportunities

Professionals with this certificate can confidently move into academic, business and international fields. Skills developed through this program are valued for teaching positions, translation work or work in a larger sector such as governmental, diplomatic and international business.

Career examples include:

- area, ethnic and cultural studies teachers and professors
- editors
- foreign language and literature teachers and professors
- historians
- instructional coordinators
- interpreters and translators
- lawyers
- reporters and correspondents
- social and community service managers

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