

Spanish for the Professions, Certificate

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Develop your cultural knowledge and communication skills through this certificate program geared toward the professions. This program is only offered at ASU's Downtown Phoenix campus.

Description

This 18-credit-hour certificate program helps students hone Spanish communication skills and gain the cultural knowledge that can help them serve the needs of the growing U.S. Latino community.

The combination of professionally focused courses and practical experience in this program enhances students' professional preparation for employment in positions that require advanced proficiency in Spanish and an in-depth understanding of U.S. Latino culture.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [College of Integrative Sciences and Arts](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#)

Program requirements

[2024 - 2025 Certificate Map](#)

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The Spanish for the professions certificate requires a total of 18 credit hours. A grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better is required for all courses. Pass/Fail courses cannot be used.

Required Courses -- 6 credit hours

[SPA 404: Spanish in U. S. Professional Communities \(\(L or HU\) & C\)](#) (3)

[SPA 405: Latino Cultural Perspectives for the Professions \(\(L or HU\) & C & G\)](#) (3)

Electives (choose one Focus Areas below) -- 12 credit hours

Upper Division Focus Area (12)

Students will select twelve upper-division credit hours from one of the three Focus Areas: Spanish for the Professions, Professional Spanish and Latinx Cultures for Social Care and Public Work, or Professional Spanish and Latinx Cultures for Heritage Speakers.

Spanish for the Professions

Required:

[SPA 317: Spanish for the Professions \(G\)](#) (3)

[SPA 402: Written Communication for the Professions \(C\)](#) or [SPA 484: Internship](#) (3)

Notes: Before enrolling in SPA 484, students should complete a minimum of 12 credit hours in the certificate program and seek instructor approval by emailing CISA@asu.edu.

Choose two more courses:

[COM 362: Urban Communication: Reinventing the Latinx City](#) (3)

[COM 363: Latinxs and the Media \(C\)](#) (3)

[SPA 318: Advanced Spanish for Health Care Professionals](#) (3)

[SPA 401: Spanish Oral Communication for the Professions](#) (3)

[SPA 402: Written Communication for the Professions \(C\)](#) (3)

[SPA 403: Spanish Grammar and Stylistics for the Professions](#) (3)

[SPA 406: Introduction to Spanish/English Medical Interpretation](#) (3)

[SPA 484: Internship](#) (3)

Notes: Before enrolling in SPA 484, students should complete a minimum of 12 credit hours in the certificate program and seek instructor approval by emailing CISA@asu.edu.

[SPA 494: Introduction to Spanish Translation for the Profes](#) (3)

Professional Spanish and Latinx Cultures for Social Care and Public Work

Required:

[SPA 401: Spanish Oral Communication for the Professions](#) (3)

[SPA 494: Spanish for Social Care: Latinx Ameri Pop Cultures](#) (3)

Choose two more courses:

[COM 362: Urban Communication: Reinventing the Latinx City](#) (3)

[COM 363: Latinxs and the Media \(C\)](#) (3)

[SPA 318: Advanced Spanish for Health Care Professionals](#) (3)

[SPA 402: Written Communication for the Professions \(C\)](#) (3)

[SPA 403: Spanish Grammar and Stylistics for the Professions](#) (3)

[SPA 406: Introduction to Spanish/English Medical Interpretation](#) (3)

[SPA 484: Internship](#) (3)

[SPA 494: Community Interpretation](#) (3)

[SPA 494: Introduction to Spanish Translation for the Profes](#) (3)

[SPA 494: Spanish for Mental Health Practiti and Ally fields](#) (3)

Professional Spanish and Latinx Cultures for Heritage Speakers

Required:

[SPA 401: Spanish Oral Communication for the Professions](#) (3)

[SPA 402: Written Communication for the Professions \(C\)](#) (3)

Choose two more courses:

[COM 362: Urban Communication: Reinventing the Latinx City](#) (3)

[COM 363: Latinxs and the Media \(C\)](#) (3)

[SPA 318: Advanced Spanish for Health Care Professionals](#) (3)

[SPA 403: Spanish Grammar and Stylistics for the Professions](#) (3)

[SPA 406: Introduction to Spanish/English Medical Interpretation](#) (3)

[SPA 484: Internship](#) (3)

[SPA 494: Community Interpretation](#) (3)

[SPA 494: Introduction to Spanish Translation for the Profes](#) (3)

[SPA 494: Spanish for Mental Health Practiti and Ally fields](#) (3)

[SPA 494: Spanish for Social Care: Latinx Ameri Pop Cultures](#) (3)

For additional upper-division electives, students should consult their academic advisor.

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

The prerequisites for this certificate are completion of SPA 314 Spanish Conversation and Composition, or SPA 316 Advanced Spanish II for Bilinguals, or permission of instructor following the successful completion of the Spanish for the Professions Placement Exam given by the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts. Students should contact the college to schedule.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Career opportunities

Students can advance their career options with an undergraduate certificate. The certificate in Spanish for the professions helps students become more marketable to employers by adding this specialization to complement their major program of study.

Graduates can serve in professional settings such as health and legal services, journalism, business, social work and criminology, among other fields.

Students who complete this undergraduate certificate often decide to [pursue employment in a variety of fields](#) including:

- business
- community interpretation
- education
- engineering and urban planning
- government
- health care services
- legal and justice systems
- social work
- tourism

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