

SPANISH

Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of World Languages is to expand the opportunities for UNF students to learn how to speak, write and understand a world language and to understand and interpret the literature and culture of that language. The department offers a major in Spanish and minors in both French and Spanish, as well as other languages such as German, Chinese, Latin, Russian, Portuguese and Japanese.

Student Learning Outcomes

UNF graduates completing a major in Spanish will be able to:

Content/Discipline Knowledge & Skills

- demonstrate adequate command of Spanish grammar, mechanics, and the ability to use a variety of sentence structures to express ideas
- demonstrate awareness and understanding of both similarities and differences among Hispanic cultures
- demonstrate the capacity to use one's knowledge of Spanish language and Hispanic cultures, both within and beyond the classroom setting, such as within a professional context.
- demonstrate the capacity to develop further knowledge of Spanish language and Hispanic cultures for career use, graduate study, and personal enjoyment and enrichment

Critical Thinking Skills

- demonstrate the ability to think critically in Spanish
- read and understand a range of Spanish literary and non-literary texts and analyze such works to discern cultural and aesthetic values
- demonstrate an understanding of the nature of language through comparisons of Spanish with one's first language

Communication Skills

- demonstrate speaking and listening proficiency in Spanish:
- Presentational: present information, concepts, and ideas about an/or in Spanish to an audience of listeners or readers;
- Interpretive: understand and interpret Spanish on several topics;
- Interpersonal: engage in conversations or correspondence in Spanish to provide and obtain information, express feelings and emotions, and exchange opinions in a clear fashion
- demonstrate the ability to write in different styles

Assessment Approaches

The principle method to assess student mastery of the intended student learning outcomes will be a capstone course required of all senior Spanish majors. The faculty member for the course shall be the assigned mentor for the senior students in the course and will advise and guide the students in the creation of a portfolio for the

purpose of assessing the accomplishment of the student learning outcomes. The Spanish faculty as a whole will meet to conduct an individual assessment of each major using a well-defined scoring rubric. The faculty as a whole will also assess essays and research papers employing a scoring rubric. These direct measures of student performance will be supplemented by indirect assessment measures such as alumni surveys, graduating senior surveys and other student perception assessment instruments.

Career Opportunities

For information on the many career opportunities available to Spanish majors, go to *What Can You Do with a Spanish Major* at <http://www.unf.edu/dept/cdc/major/spanish.html>

For More Information

To learn more about the UNF Modern Languages Department and majoring in Spanish, go to <http://www.unf.edu/coas/world-languages/>

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