

# PROFESSIONAL SPANISH CERTIFICATE

Program Website: <https://www.towson.edu/cla/departments/languages-literatures-cultures/professional-spanish-certificate/>

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## Requirements

### Admission Requirements

Application deadlines and a full listing of materials required for admission can be found on the website.

Before submitting their application, students will complete the Spanish placement test. Students who score below an intermediate high rating will be required to take up to two prerequisite courses within the graduate program to prepare them to begin the five-course certificate program.

### Degree Requirements

The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Professional Spanish requires completion of a 15-unit program of study, combining 3 units of required curriculum with 12 units of elective courses at the 600-level. Students must complete a 3-unit capstone course at the 600-level. No more than one 500-level course can be counted toward the certificate. Upon completion of the program, students will be given an official Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI).

Code	Title	Units
<b>Required courses</b>		
SPAN 680	HISPANIC CULTURES IN THE MEDIA	3
<b>Elective Courses (select 4 courses from the following)</b>		<b>12</b>
FORL 520	LANGUAGE ACQUISITION	
SPAN 591	ADVANCED SPANISH GRAMMAR	
SPAN 607	CREATIVE WRITING IN SPANISH	
SPAN 608	SPANISH IN THE COMMUNITY	
SPAN 609	SPANISH TRANSLATION	
SPAN 655	HISPANIC POPULAR CULTURES	
SPAN 665	FILM AND SOCIETY IN THE SPANISH-SPEAKING WORLD	
SPAN 670	SPECIAL TOPICS IN SPANISH LANGUAGE: LITERATURE AND CIVILIZATION	
SPAN 691	DIRECTED READINGS IN SPANISH	
SPAN 694	TRAVEL STUDY ABROAD	
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>15</b>

### Learning Outcomes

1. Students will display language skills in Spanish at the Advanced Low level of oral proficiency (as minimally required by ACTFL to perform teaching responsibilities effectively in the target language) or above.
2. Students will demonstrate knowledge of Hispanic cultures ranging from literature and the visual and performing arts to folklore and contemporary issues in the media, and the ability to write clearly and concisely in Spanish about such topics.

3. Students will show they can use Spanish to interact confidently in a variety of professional and academic settings, both orally and in writing.