

**Department of English, Theatre and Foreign Language**  
**Bachelor of Arts in Spanish**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Department of English, Theatre and Foreign Language is committed to the teaching of Foreign Languages as an indispensable part of the University's mission. The Department, with faculty from different countries, embodies and promotes diversity and multiculturalism so that students function effectively as global citizens. In our programs, students acquire basic and advanced skills by studying language, literature, and cultures; develop cross-cultural competency; enhance their understanding of their own language; and sharpen their critical skills. The Department offers activities to enhance formal language study and regularly sends students to study abroad.

The Department offers a program for the Spanish major; the student seeking NC Teacher Licensure (K-12) in Spanish; the Education major seeking an academic concentration in Spanish; and the student, majoring in another subject, who wishes to develop a minor in Spanish or simply to choose an elective or two in a foreign language.

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

Students who complete a major in Spanish will be able to:

**Goal #1** Communicate effectively in written and spoken Spanish.

- **Objective #1** Master a wide range of grammatical structures and vocabulary in a variety of topics and disciplines.
- **Objective #2** Identify similarities and differences between the various Hispanic languages and cultures.

**Goal#2** Describe the evolution of Spanish and Spanish-American literatures throughout the centuries.

- **Objective #1** Identify major authors and their works in the different genres of Spanish and Spanish-American Literatures throughout the centuries.

**Goal #3** Speak, comprehend, read and write in fluent Spanish in a variety of topics.

- **Objective #1** Acquire the ability and skills to converse fluently in everyday situations.
- **Objective #2** Distinguish a variety of sociolinguistic conversational environments and use the Spanish language in various situations.

**Goal #4** Read and comprehend literary works of Spain and Spanish-American countries in the original language.

- **Objective #1** Discuss, interpret and criticize literary works in the context of their times.
- **Objective #2** Analyze literary works according to their formal or structural elements (plot and character development, use of literary devices such as metaphors, irony, etc).
- **Objective #3** Discuss specific issues of Spanish and Spanish-American literature using oral and written language.

**Goal #5** Identify and evaluate the importance of Spanish language and cultures in a global perspective.

- **Objective #1** Have an enhanced appreciation for all aspects of Spanish, including historical and contemporary issues.
- **Objective #2** Have an enhanced appreciation for people of Hispanic backgrounds.
- **Objective #3** Recognize the importance of formal language study for use and more effective competition in the global marketplace, whether in schools, medical and social services or corporate business.
- **Objective #4** Assess the value of Spanish and Spanish-American literary works in the context of global literature.