

SPANISH—TEACHER CERTIFICATION, B.A.

Completion of this major prepares you to be a Spanish teacher in elementary, middle, or high school. This degree comprises 36 credits in the subject of Spanish, which fulfills one of the requirements to be certified as a Spanish teacher, and it can also be used to apply to New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey.

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THIS CONCENTRATION ARE:

- A minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0.
- A minimum of B- or better on all education courses
- Passing scores on the Praxis CORE, **or** 560 verbal, 540 Math on the SAT, **or** 23 or higher on the ACT, **or** 155 verbal, 156 quantitative on the GRE.

Passing scores on the Praxis CORE Academic Skills for Educators Tests, as of 9/1/19:

- Math Test #5733 Passing Score 150
- Reading Test #5712 Passing Score 156
- Writing Test #5722 Passing Score 162

Students who meet the score levels below are not required to take the Praxis CORE:

SAT Scores

- If taken before 4/1/1995: Math 520, Reading 480
- If taken between 4/1/1995 to 2/28/2016: Math 540, Reading 560
- If taken on or after 3/1/2016: Math 570, 610 Evidence-Based Reading and Writing or 30 Reading Section

ACT Scores

- If taken before 8/28/1989: Math 23, English 20
- If taken on or after 8/28/1989: Math 23, English 23

GRE Scores

- If taken before 8/1/2011: Quantitative 720, Verbal 530
- If taken on or after 8/1/2011: Quantitative 156, Verbal 155

For more information on Praxis exams: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/nj/requirements> (<https://www.ets.org/praxis/nj/requirements/>)

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION OF THIS DEGREE TRACK ARE:

- Completion of NJCU General Education requirements or equivalent
- Successful completion of major in intended content area
- Passing scores on appropriate Praxis II Exam
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Successful completion of clinical experience and clinical practice (student teaching)

This includes successful submission of the performance assessment, edTPA, as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Note: For the most updated information on this teaching certification program, students are directed to contact the College of Education as changes may have occurred since publication.

The Alternate Route is a certification program that allows qualified candidates to begin teaching after taking a 50-hour Introduction to Teaching course. The candidates then take the remaining two years of coursework while they are teaching. Alternate route candidates begin as a regular classroom teacher. They will have a mentor assigned to them—typically another teacher in the school—for the first year. They will have all the responsibilities and salary of a fully certified teacher and must obtain an effective summative evaluation rating in two of their first three years of teaching.

To start teaching Spanish in any NJ Public schools, you will need to obtain a Certificate of Eligibility (CE), which entails the following steps:

1. Spanish Bachelor's Degree (includes LANG 510, required by NJDOE when applying for Standard Certificate). While taking your BA coursework, we will help you to get plenty of practice for:
2. Spanish Praxis II test
3. Praxis Core Academic Skills test
4. Spanish OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview). Then, you will need a
5. Hygiene, Nutrition or Biology course, that you may have already taken as part of NJCU General Education course
6. Then, we help you to get documents ready to apply for your Certificate of Eligibility

Finally, you will be able to apply to NJCU New Pathways to Teaching while working as teacher with your CE (Certificate of Eligibility). NJCU New Pathways to Teaching will offer you the coursework required to move from your Certificate of Eligibility to the Standard Certificate (CE) or permanent license.

Courses with a final grade of C– or lower will NOT count toward the Spanish major

Code	Title	Credits
Required		24
LANG 304	The Art Of Writing In Spanish	3
LANG 305		3
LANG 306	Past and Present of Latin America	3
LANG 307	Authors And Readings From Spain	3
LANG 308	Voices And Texts Of Latin America	3
LANG 314	Spanish Writing For The Professions	3
LANG 409::INTRO		
LANG 436::INTRO TO SPANISH TRANSLATION & INTERPRETING		
Restricted Electives		
Select 12 credits from the following courses:		12
LANG 230	Business Spanish	3
LANG 231	Literature of Puerto Rico	3
LANG 309	US Latinx Culture	3
LANG 340	The Spanish Language in the United States	3
LANG 401	Hispanic Literature of the Caribbean	3
LANG 402	Race and Ethnicity in Spanish American Literature	3
LANG 403	Literature of Cuba	3
LANG 406	20th Century Spanish-American Prose Literature	3

LANG 407	Spanish American Literature of the 19th Century	3
LANG 408	Colonial and Post-Colonial Studies	3
LANG 410	Latinx Writers	3
LANG 416	Twentieth Century Spanish Prose Literature	3
LANG 417	19th Century Spanish Literature	3
LANG 418	Theater of Golden Age	3
LANG 419	Cervantes	3
LANG 420	20th Century Spanish-American Poetry	3
LANG 421	20th Century Spanish-American Drama	3
LANG 445	Introduction to the Teaching of Spanish	3
Required General Education Program Courses ¹		
BIOL 225	Human Sexual Biology	3
PSYC 152	Development Adolescence to Adulthood	3
WGST 110	Diversity and Difference: Identities, Communities, and Cultures	3
Required Secondary Education Education Courses ²		
Phase I (These two courses must be taken prior to admission to any education program):		
EDU 280	Challenges in Urban Education	3
LTED 230	Focus: Reading Language & Literacy	3
Phase II (These courses may be taken concurrently):		
EDU 330	Focus: Development, Behavior and Learning	3
EDU 331	Clinical Practice I ³	2
Phase III (Taken concurrently and offered fall semesters only):		
LTED 370	Secondary:Reading & Language Workshop	2
SPEC 508	Helping Exceptional Children and Youth in the Inclusive Classroom	3
LANG 510	Second Language Methodology I (This course is a New Jersey requirement for teacher certification. When offered, students can also take it as a Spanish major elective)	3
Phase IV (Taken concurrently):		
EDU 470	Concurrent Student Teaching Seminar	2
EDU 485	Classroom Management and Assessment Internship Seminar	2
EDU 480	Clinical Practice II ⁴	8
Total Credits		75

¹ May be used to simultaneously satisfy a General Education Tier/Mode

² To be taken by phase and in sequence, for traditional certification

³ Students must pass Praxis CORE before registering for EDU 331 and apply a semester in advance

⁴ Students must pass Spanish Praxis exam before registering for EDU 0480