

SPANISH HERITAGE LANGUAGE EDUCATION GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Banner Code: LA-CERG-SHLE

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Program added on *May 20, 2021*. This new program has been approved with an initiation term of Fall 2021.

The graduate certificate in Spanish Heritage Language Education (SHLE) provides training in heritage language educational policy and practice as well as social justice-oriented approaches to teaching Spanish. Students develop familiarity with the linguistic, sociolinguistic, and cultural characteristics of Spanish-speakers in the US. The SHLE certificate prepares educators and affiliated professionals to advocate for heritage speakers of Spanish, design and implement Spanish for Heritage Speakers (SHL) curricula, and develop teaching materials and pedagogies for use in both SHL and mixed classes.

The SHLE certificate may be taken alone or in conjunction with several degree programs offered by the Department of Modern & Classical Languages (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/>) and the College of Education and Human Development (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/education-human-development/>). All coursework included in the SHLE certificate may be applied toward the MA in Spanish; Spanish/Bilingual and Multicultural Education; or Spanish and French.

Admissions & Policies

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Admissions

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>).

Policies

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-8>).

Requirements

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Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 15

This certificate may be pursued on a full-or part-time basis.

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
FRLN 575	Heritage Language Education	3
SPAN 575	Teaching Spanish for Social Justice	3
SPAN 574	Critical Approaches to Teaching Spanish-language Culture	3
Total Credits		9

Restricted Elective

Code	Title	Credits
Choose one of the following:		3
SPAN 502	Hispanic Sociolinguistics	
SPAN 503	Spanish Linguistics for Educators	
Total Credits		3

Additional Elective

Code	Title	Credits
Choose one of the following or a relevant 500-level or above course: ¹		3
SPAN 502	Hispanic Sociolinguistics	
SPAN 503	Spanish Linguistics for Educators	
SPAN 505	Applied Spanish Stylistics in Multilingual and Multimodal Contexts	
SPAN 512	Mass Media and Popular Culture	
SPAN 570	Language Politics and Policy	
SPAN 571	Methods and Curriculum Design for Teaching Spanish	
SPAN 585	Languages in Contact	
SPAN 590	Bilingual Education in the Spanish-Speaking World	
FRLN 572	Integrating Technology into Language Learning	
FRLN 573	Basic Issues in Language Pedagogy	
FRLN 650	The Teaching of Culture in Foreign Language Programs	
FRLN 670	Topics in Language Learning and Teaching	
EDUC 537	Introduction to Culturally Linguistically Diverse Learners	
EDCI 516	Bilingualism and Language Acquisition Research	
EDCI 520	Assessment of Language Learners	
EDCI 560	Methods of Teaching in Foreign/World Languages	
EDCI 684	Advanced Methods of Teaching Foreign/Second Languages in PK-12 Schools	
EDRD 620	Reading/Writing in Foreign/World Languages	

Other relevant course with approval

Total Credits 3

¹ Relevant courses may include special topics in Spanish teaching methods and materials design, Latinx Studies, or sociolinguistics. Elective courses other than those listed must be pre-approved, in writing, by the program director.