

SPANISH FOR NON-HERITAGE SPEAKERS, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT (C)

Overview

Students completing this certificate will use beginning-level skills in Spanish with an introduction to the culture of Spanish speakers. This certificate will provide employers with verifiable proof in terms of speaking, reading, listening and writing Spanish at a basic level. It will prepare students to achieve progress on their career path of their choice, to transfer to a university with strong second language skills and knowledge about Spanish-speaking communities.

Students will achieve listening, speaking and writing skills that increase the understanding and appreciation of value systems and social attitudes of different Spanish cultures. In addition, students will practice pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar and cultural awareness to improve their communication in Spanish. The goal of this certificate is to expand the student's learning experience, exploration and enjoyment of a second language with the implied development of critical thinking and creative skills. Indeed, learning another language will increase opportunities for better employment and a higher salary, giving students a competitive edge in the global economy.

Students who can demonstrate the acquired skills will have access to occupational opportunities in all areas in which it is advantageous to be bilingual in English and Spanish at this level. Students who acquire these skills can work in teaching support roles, tutoring, nonprofit organizations, social work, jobs in the health care sector, government, business, customer service and more.

Requirements

Certificate of Achievement Requirements

Complete all Major Requirements for the Certificate of Achievement with a C or better or Pass in each course. Candidates for a Certificate of Achievement are required to complete at least 20% of the major requirements through SBCC.

Code	Title	Units
Major Requirements		
Required Core		
SPAN 101	Beginning Spanish I	5
SPAN 102	Beginning Spanish II	5
SPAN 103	Intermediate Spanish I	5
SPAN 104	Intermediate Spanish II	5
Total Units		20.00

Learning Outcomes

1. Speak, write and listen in intermediate-level Spanish utilizing key words, familiar vocabulary, cognates, present tense verbs, memorized phrases, simple expressions in conversation and texts, and other skills connected with an introduction to the culture of Spanish speakers.
2. Communicate basic personal information, greeting and farewell expressions, ask and answer simple questions, express preferences,

feelings, or simple opinions, using practiced or memorized words/phrases and simple sentences.

3. Read and write simple texts, use simple grammar (present tense, adjectives, nouns, gender agreement) and be understood in simple communication.

Recommended Sequence

Make an appointment with your SBCC academic counselor through Starfish to create a Student Education Plan that reflects a recommended course sequence for this program that is tailored to your individual needs.

How to schedule an Academic Counseling appointment (<https://www.sbcc.edu/counselingcenter/counselingappointments.php>).