

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN CULTURAL COMPETENCY AND COMMUNICATIONS IN SPANISH

Students who complete this certificate will be functionally bilingual and able to perform linguistically in a culturally sensitive manner within the biomedical environment. A required study abroad will allow students to gain experiential knowledge, expanding their cultural sensitivities and functionality in a foreign environment. A required independent shadowing experience in the biomedical environment will allow students to employ attained language skills in both social and formal settings. Because of limited resources, the program will have a cap on the number of students admitted.

Program Requirements

To earn the certificate, students are required to complete:

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
SPAN 201	Intermediate Spanish I ¹	3
SPAN 202	Intermediate Spanish II ¹	3
SPAN 300/SPAN 400 level course of the student's choice ²		3
3 credit hours of area studies from an approved course list ³		3
Minimum of 2 credit hours in a medical communications Area ⁴		2
BIMS 485 ⁵		2
An international experience approved by the Biomedical Sciences Program ⁶		
Total Semester Credit Hours		16

¹ SPAN 221 and SPAN 222 are acceptable substitutions, when taken abroad, for SPAN 201 and SPAN 202.

² Prerequisites apply.

³ The certificate was designed with the student's required Texas A&M Core Curriculum (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/>) in mind. Many of the courses on the approved list will count as a language, philosophy and culture, creative arts, or social and behavioral sciences. It is up to the student to compare the two lists and to work with their academic advisor to choose courses appropriate to their degree plan.

⁴ It is suggested that students enroll in this course after the completion of at least SPAN 201 or equivalent. For course options, see academic advisor.

⁵ This course is a specific section of 485 that requires shadowing in the biomedical environment while using the Spanish language.

⁶ This requirement may be satisfied by an approved study abroad program.

All courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or better.