

**Grand Valley State University**  
**CLAS Academic Advising Center**  
**C-1-140 Mackinac Hall**  
**616-331-8585**

**Teaching Endorsement Planned Program**  
**Spanish Minor – Elementary Education**

Student Name:

Date:

Email Address:

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Transfer Institution(s):

The Spanish minor begins at the 300 level. Placement can be determined by previous coursework or a language placement test taken at the Language Resource Center (D-2-221 MAK; 616-331-2507). If you have not been using Spanish regularly since any previous coursework, you are encouraged to take the language placement test or speak to a Spanish Faculty Advisor for assistance with appropriate placement.

**Study Abroad:** Spanish minors interested in elementary teacher certification are strongly encouraged to study abroad for at least one semester (12-15 credits at the 300-level) in a Spanish-language study abroad program. Program must be approved prior to study abroad by a faculty advisor in Spanish and can be used to fulfill minor requirement courses. Please meet with a Spanish faculty advisor as soon as possible to discuss your options. There is a strong possibility this will become a requirement within the next year.

Key: ✓ - Completed or In Progress    W - Waived    Highlighted - Still Needs to be Completed

**Spanish Minor – Required Courses**

| Course Number      |  | Course Name   | Credits          | Completed | Scheduled | Grade | Quality Points |
|--------------------|--|---|------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|----------------|
| SPA 321            |  | Conversation & Composition I  | 3                |           |           |       |                |
| SPA 322            |  | Conversation & Composition II   | 3                |           |           |       |                |
| SPA 314            |  | Teaching Methods  | 3                |           |           |       |                |
| SPA 309            |  | Advanced Spanish Grammar  | 3                |           |           |       |                |
| SPA 335            |  | Introduction to Spanish Linguistics   | 3                |           |           |       |                |
| SPA 3__<br>SPA 3__ |  | <b>Choose Two Civilization &amp; Culture Courses from:</b><br>SPA 310 Spanish Civ. & Culture<br>SPA 311 Latin Amer. Civ. & Culture I<br>SPA 312 Latin Amer. Civ. & Culture II             | 3<br>3<br>3      |           |           |       |                |
| SPA 395            |  | Advanced Speaking Strategies and Skills   | 3                |           |           |       |                |
| SPA 3__            |  | <b>Choose one from the following:</b><br>SPA 313 U.S. Latino/a Civ. & Cult.<br>SPA 329 Sociolinguistics of Spa.<br>SPA 331 Survey of Spanish Lit.<br>SPA 332 Survey of Spanish Amer. Lit. | 3<br>3<br>3<br>3 |           |           |       |                |

**Total Credits needed:** 27 credits required

**Cumulative GPA:** (3.0 GPA required for Certification)

## Special Considerations:

### Requirements for Spanish Education Students

#### Michigan Department of Education (2004) Standards for Foreign Language Teachers:

Teacher candidates must demonstrate a proficiency level of advanced-low in all four skill levels. This applies to major and minors.

- Reading
  - Writing
  - Listening
  - Speaking -
- } assessed on MTTC
- assessed via Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)

The MTTC covers six areas: listening comprehension, writing proficiency, reading proficiency, grammar and language comparisons, pedagogy, and culture. The MTTC should not be taken until you have completed 90% of your content area course work. Because it addresses pedagogy, SPA 314, should be taken prior to taking the exam.

#### What does Advanced-low proficiency look like?

Advanced-level proficiency requires that students are able to participate in most informal conversations and a variety of formal conversations on topics related to school, home, leisure activities, work, and current events. They are able to narrate and describe in the past, present, and future in paragraph length discourse (combining and linking sentences). They are also able to discuss some abstract topics and support some opinions (characteristics of the superior level).

#### When should I take the OPI?

**It is highly recommended that students complete a practice OPI before signing up for the actual test.** Practice tests are administered by a department faculty member.

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We also advise that students take the OPI as soon as possible upon returning from a study abroad.

To sign up for an OPI contact Autumn Gorsline-Davis [gorslina@gvsu.edu](mailto:gorslina@gvsu.edu) 331-8554

OPI Application [http://www.gvsu.edu/cms3/assets/06D23FF7-BEE1-5D088ECE85293EDD71BB/opi\\_application.pdf](http://www.gvsu.edu/cms3/assets/06D23FF7-BEE1-5D088ECE85293EDD71BB/opi_application.pdf)

#### Notes:

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**Substitutions, Equivalencies, and Waivers Approved By:**

**Date:**

**Prepared By:**

**Date:**

**Academic Departmental Approval (Pending Completion of Highlighted Requirements):**

**Date:**

1 copy student; 1 copy CLAS Advising Center File; 1 copy College of Education; 1 copy Major Program Advisor

## **ENDORSEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Students may return to Grand Valley State University to obtain a post baccalaureate endorsement to append their teaching certificate by adding one or more content area endorsements. Students may choose to add any endorsement for which Grand Valley State University has approval from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). Students must meet all of the MDE requirements for an endorsement, which includes taking and passing all courses identified on the endorsement planned program (course substitutions will be permitted with prior departmental approval), meeting GVSU GPA program requirements, taking and passing the associated subject area test for the endorsement through the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification and meeting any and all other requirements, which might include, but not be limited to, a criminal background check and providing other university transcripts.

**PLEASE NOTE:** To be recommended to the Michigan Department of Education by Grand Valley State University to add a content area endorsement to an existing Michigan teaching certificate, the student must be certified at the appropriate level. **Six credits** of the planned program minor and **twelve credits** of the planned program major must be earned at Grand Valley. For a complete list of the content area endorsements that Grand Valley State University offers, please check out the following link to our Grand Valley State University website: <http://www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising/endorsements-87.htm>

### **Next Steps:**

1. Apply to Grand Valley State University if you have undergraduate courses remaining. Click here for a link to the Admissions Application: <http://admissions.gvsu.edu/admissions/undergrad.asp>
2. Successfully complete all coursework
3. Successfully complete the State required test in your endorsement area:  
<http://www.mtmc.nesinc.com/>
4. All candidates applying for certification must initiate the certification recommendation process by self-registering in the Michigan Online Education Certification System (MOECS) at: [www.michigan.gov/moeecs](http://www.michigan.gov/moeecs).
5. Submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities you have attended (do not resend if Grand Valley has all of your transcripts).

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