

SPANISH EDUCATION (7-12; PTCP)

PBC-AH SPS

Modern and Classical Languages Department Postbaccalaureate Teacher Certification Program (HEGIS 1105.01)

National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
(NCATE) Accredited

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Enrollment in all teacher education programs follows the guidelines for "Admission to Teacher Education Programs" found in this catalog. Applicants who do not yet meet all admissions criteria should consult with the department.

The Spanish (7-12) postbaccalaureate teacher certification program leads to eligibility for New York State initial certification to teach Spanish in grades 7-12. This program is designed for students who have earned a baccalaureate degree in Spanish or a related field from an accredited college or university and intend to complete the coursework required for New York State certification to teach Spanish in middle or high schools.

The program supplies the background knowledge necessary for teachers to implement the New York State Learning Standards for Languages Other Than English (LOTE) 7-12. It also meets the standards set by national professional organizations such as the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Students are responsible for any additional certification requirements, including the Liberal Arts and Sciences Test (LAST), the Assessment of Teaching Skills—Written (ATS-W), Content Specialty Test (CST) in Spanish, Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI), and all seminars required for initial certification. It takes three to four semesters of coursework, field experiences, and student teaching to complete certification requirements.

To student teach, a student must have achieved a minimum GPA of 2.75 in Spanish coursework and overall, and must have earned a minimum grade of C in FLE 300, FLE 340 and FLE 401. Also, the student must complete an ACTFL-Approved Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) in order to demonstrate Advanced-Low Proficiency in Spanish. If Advanced-Low is not achieved, an additional upper-level Spanish course, chosen in consultation with the student's advisor, must be successfully completed.

After successfully completing the teacher certification program and passing all required tests, students are eligible to apply for New York State Initial Certification through the Teacher Certification Office, Caudell Hall, 112 Buffalo State College. No degree or certificate is awarded by Buffalo State College.

In addition to academic requirements, students who are enrolled in teacher education programs leading to Initial Certification or Initial/Professional certification are required to complete all seminars specifically required by New York State for program completion and graduation, including School Violence Prevention and Intervention (SAVE); Identification and Reporting of Child Abuse and Maltreatment; Alcohol and Other Drug Avoidance; Fire and Arson Safety; HIV and the Classroom; and Harassment, Bullying, Cyberbullying, and Discrimination in Schools: Prevention and Intervention (DASA Training). These seminar requirements are subject to change.

Financial Assistance: For financial aid purposes, students who are fully admitted into the program are considered fifth-year undergraduates, eligible for undergraduate loans, when applicable.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Basic History (9 credit hours)		
HIS 106	HISTORY OF AMERICAN LIFE I	3
HIS 107	HISTORY OF AMERICAN LIFE II	3
HIS 415	HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT OF NEW YORK STATE	3
Basic World History (9 credit hours)		
HIS 230	WORLD CIVILIZATIONS I	3
Select two from the following:		6
HIS 115	FOUNDATIONS OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION	
HIS 116	EUROPE SINCE 1500	
HIS 117	TWENTIETH-CENTURY EUROPE	
Other World History (6 credit hours)		
Two Asian, Middle-Eastern, or African History courses		6
Geography (6 credit hours)		
GEG 300	WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY	3
Select one from the following:		3
GEG 102	HUMAN GEOGRAPHY	

GEG 206	GEOGRAPHY OF NEW YORK STATE	
GEG 309	URBAN GEOGRAPHY	
GEG 360	GEOGRAPHY OF ASIA	
GEG 362	GEOGRAPHY OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA	
GEG 364	GEOGRAPHY OF EUROPE	
Political Science (3 credit hours)		
Select one from the following:		3
PSC 102	INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	
PSC 320	U.S. CIVIL LIBERTIES	
Economics (3 credit hours)		
Select one from the following:		3
ECO 101	THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM	
ECO 201	PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS	
ECO 202	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS	
Cultural Diversity (3 credit hours)		
SSE/HIS 363	AMERICAN IDENTITY IN TRANSITION: DIVERSITY AND PLURALISM IN THE UNITED STATES	3
History/Social Science Electives (11 credit hours)		
Professional Education Requirements (30 credit hours)		
SPF 303	EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY: MIDDLE AND SECONDARY EDUCATION	3
EDU 416	TEACHING LITERACY IN MIDDLE AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS	3
ENG 309	TEACHING AND EVALUATING WRITING	3
or EDU 417	ADOLESCENT LITERACY	
EXE 100	NATURE AND NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS	3
or EXE 372	FOUNDATIONS OF TEACHING ADOLESCENTS WITH DISABILITIES	
PSY 357	ADOLESCENT AND YOUNG ADULT DEVELOPMENT	3
SSE 200	INTRODUCTION TO SECONDARY TEACHING	3
SSE 303	METHODS AND MATERIALS IN TEACHING MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES	3
SSE 309	METHODS AND MATERIALS IN TEACHING HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES	3
SSE 370	COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY IN THE SOCIAL STUDIES CLASSROOM	3
SSE 402	HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS OF SOCIAL EDUCATION	3

or SSE/HIS 407	THE TEACHING OF HISTORY	
Student Teaching Requirements (12 credit hours)		
To student teach, a student must have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and a minimum 3.0 GPA in the social studies major, as well as obtain a grade of C or higher in SSE 303 and SSE 309.		
SSE 409	STUDENT TEACHING OF SOCIAL STUDIES IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL	6
SSE 410	STUDENT TEACHING OF SOCIAL STUDIES IN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	6