

Undergraduate Certificate in Spanish for Animal Health and Care



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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

NEW UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE SPANISH FOR ANIMAL HEALTH AND CARE

Develop professional communication skills in Spanish to communicate about animal care and handling and address language barriers in your profession.

Course 1:

Spanish for Animal Health and Care Fields

LSPA 340 | CRN: 80982

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In-Person Wednesdays 2:00-2:50 p.m.
OR through CSU Online

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There is increasing awareness of the need for field-specific communication skills in Spanish on the part of animal science and veterinary professionals. Animal well-being is at stake when English-speaking professionals encounter a monolingual Spanish-speaking workforce. Currently, between 80% and 90% of the work force on livestock farms is made up of Spanish-speaking immigrants with low English proficiency. Additionally, small animal veterinarians increasingly need the communicative skills to interact with Spanish-speaking pet owners about proper animal care.

Our undergraduate Spanish language certificate program addresses this workplace communication gap. Starting in the Fall of 2018, the CSU Languages, Literatures and Cultures Department will offer a unique certificate in Spanish for Animal Health and Care. The program is based on a triangulated needs analysis and aims to develop intermediate-level communication skills in Spanish in the following domains: dairy and beef livestock, equine and small animal care. The program focuses on the basic terminology and the linguistic skills necessary to successfully complete relevant every-day tasks in Spanish. All targeted linguistic forms, communicative activities and assessments are task-based and practical in nature.

SPANISH FOR ANIMAL HEALTH AND CARE UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE OUTLINE

A series of four 3-credit courses

LSPA340 Spanish for Animal Health & Care

- Identifying and describing animals, stages of life, behavioral patterns, and facilities
- Comparing species, breeds, behavioral and physical traits
- Describing daily routines and giving instructions
- Describing preventative care routines: vaccination, feeding, watering, and sanitation
- Describing symptoms of common illnesses
- Comparing normal versus abnormal behavior/appearance

LSPA343 Spanish Terminology-Animal Health/Agriculture

- Word classes
- Meaning relations in animal healthcare terminology
- Building lexical cohesion in paragraphs-towards intermediate-level Spanish skills
- Animal care related complex words/understanding word derivation
- Suffixation, prefixation, and word composition: the most productive word formation processes in the relevant field

LSPA342 Spanish for Animal Health & Care II

- Identifying and describing specific ailments
- Explaining treatment procedures
- Using past-time frames to describe evolving health conditions
- Asking questions to obtain animal health histories
- Discussing causes of illnesses and justifying treatment practices
- Discussing proper animal handling practices
- Narrating past accidents due to improper handling

LSPA444 The Intercultural Workplace-Animal Health/Ag

- The nature of cultural displacement: causes of migration, social and economic effects, and impacts on workplace cohesion
- Cross-cultural differences: roles, rights, and obligations, work processes, handling of products and equipment
- Stereotypes
- Personal distance and power: ethnic relations, gender, age, and the role of the interpreter

Additional Information

Certificate Prerequisites: LSPA 200 or equivalent, contact course instructors for more information (mvelaz@colostate.edu, Shannon.zeller@colostate.edu)

Courses can be counted towards a Spanish minor when requested, contact course instructors for more information (mvelaz@colostate.edu, Shannon.zeller@colostate.edu)