Certificate in Spanish Language

The Spanish Language certificate requires:

Code Semester Hours

Completion of three courses (nine semester hours) in Spanish at the 204 level or above

Achievement of an intermediate proficiency level on the nationally normed Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).

To qualify for the certificate, the student must earn a grade of C or higher in each of the courses. At least two of the courses must be taken at Principia. The ACTFL proficiency test result will be included on the certificate and will be indicated on the student's transcript.

Each student is responsible for the cost of the OPI, which must be taken with a certified ACTFL approved tester at a local university or by phone arranged through LTI (Language Testing Institute) with the call proctored by a faculty member of the Languages and Cultures Department. Principia faculty may not administer the OPI interview for an official rating.