

SPANISH SECONDARY EDUCATION COUGAR MAP



BACHELOR OF ARTS: SPANISH SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJOR, SPANISH MINOR

The Cougar Map is intended to guide you with suggestions for potential activities and career paths that can help you along your educational journey. Although everyone has different abilities, experiences and obstacles, this Cougar Map can be used with the help of your advisors to prepare for the future you want with a clear vision of your college-to-career pathway.

Please refer to the SXU Academic Catalog and academic planning resources for detailed degree requirements.

	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR
Competence (major/minor, summer suggestions, academic research)	<p>Explore opportunities for scholarships.</p> <p>Bring writing assignments to the Learning Center/Writing Studio for help in fine-tuning papers.</p> <p>Don't get discouraged in your first year! For stress relief ideas, visit the Counseling Center.</p> <p>Get to know your academic advisor.</p>	<p>Visit the library for the appropriate resources in writing your research papers.</p> <p>Get to know faculty members in the Language and Literature Department.</p> <p>Apply for the Sister Dorothy Marie Peschon Scholarship, specific to foreign language majors or seek out scholarships exclusively for SXU students.</p>	<p>Consider working with a faculty member on a research project.</p> <p>Be mindful of important dates, i.e. semester ends and begins, deadline to withdraw from a course, petition for graduation.</p> <p>Secure an off-campus position in education for student teaching or one that will use your language skills and help diversify your background of relevant experiences.</p>	<p>Meet with the Language and Literature Department faculty to make sure you're on track to graduate.</p> <p>Begin work on your topic for your Senior Seminar independent research project.</p>
Character (Service, global perspective, study abroad, clubs/RSOs, volunteering)	<p>Consider joining a student club or intramural sports team. Clubs can include the Education Club, Model United Nations Club or Saint Xavier Council (student government).</p> <p>Enroll in Cougars LEAD that supports leadership development and begin working on your leadership certificate.</p>	<p>Visit the Center for International Education and research opportunities to take part in a service trip or study abroad program.</p> <p>Volunteer at a non-profit such as, La Casa Norte, National Museum of Mexican Art, Latino Union of Chicago or Community Health Latino Policy Forum.</p>	<p>Take on a leadership role within a student club or organization.</p> <p>Discover the Hispanic Association of Colleges and University (HACU) and learn more about their scholarship and internship opportunities.</p> <p>Consider participating in a spring break service trip.</p>	<p>Explore post-graduate volunteer opportunities with Holy Child Volunteers or investigate local options for volunteer work.</p> <p>Consider joining professional organizations, such as the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, American Translators Association or the International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language.</p>
Career Success (career or grad school prep, internships, jobs)	<p>Complete your SXU Handshake profile for student employment with the help of Center for SUCCESS.</p> <p>Meet with Center for SUCCESS to research occupations of interest related to Spanish and education.</p> <p>Secure a position in education as a tutor or after-school assistant with a local school or community program.</p>	<p>Create a LinkedIn profile and establish meaningful connections within your academic and personal circles.</p> <p>Explore internships or jobs on Handshake with organizations, such as the Instituto Cervantes of Chicago.</p> <p>Attend SXU's career-related events throughout the year and network with professionals.</p>	<p>Ask faculty and staff members to serve as references as you begin the search for internships, student teaching, and full-time positions.</p> <p>Begin collecting and revising writing samples for your professional digital portfolio.</p> <p>Explore summer internships or jobs with organizations, such as Heartland Alliance, Latino Policy Forum or NBC 5/Telemundo Chicago.</p> <p>Prepare for post-graduate academic/professional exam, if applicable.</p>	<p>Ensure that your LinkedIn or other professional social media accounts reflect all your recent academic, professional and volunteer experiences.</p> <p>Visit Center for SUCCESS to create a job search plan, sharpen your resume and practice interviewing.</p> <p>Attend job, graduate school and intern fairs to help prepare you for what comes next after college.</p>