



School of Education & Human Development
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER

CLDE MA
with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Bilingual Education (CLD-BE) Endorsement

This degree plan includes an endorsement. Recommendations for endorsements are made by the program, but endorsement is granted by the State of Colorado. Individual state requirements vary. At this time, candidates for the CLD-BE endorsement must be Spanish/English Bilingual)

2025 changes (pending approval from CDE) may provide more options for those who wish to take more CLDE courses instead of Spanish courses. Please discuss the combined endorsement program with your advisor. Colorado has recently modified this endorsement option and we are awaiting approval (expected Fall 2025).

Degree component	REQUIRED CORE COURSES (18 CREDITS)	Term*	Cr.	Semester Completed
Bilingualism and Biliteracy	CLDE 5824 Teorías y Métodos en Educación Bilingüe	Fall	3	
Pedagogy (choose 1)	CLDE 5820/1 Methods of teaching multilingual learners I/II (year-long, online course focused on literacy methods)	Fall/ spring	2 + 1	
	CLDE 5825/6 Teaching Content to Multilingual Learners I/II (year-long, online course focused on content methods) Alternative: CLDE 5827/8 (available through district partnerships)	Fall/ spring		
Assessment	CLDE 5050 Assessment and Advocacy for Multilingual Learners	Spring	3	
Linguistics	CLDE 5030 Language Development of Multilingual Learners	Sum or Fall	3	
	CLDE 5070 Understanding Language in the Classroom	Sum	3	
Foundations (choose 1)	CLDE 5160 History and Law of Bilingual and Immigrant Education	Sum	3	
	CLDE 5010: Foundations of Language & Culture in Education	Fall		
Spanish Courses				
Spanish Sociolinguistics (choose 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SPAN 5060: Dialectos del mundo hispanohablanteSPAN 5020: Spanish sociolinguisticsSPAN 5080: Spanish in the United StatesSPAN 5076: Spanish in Colorado	varies	3	
Spanish Pedagogy (choose 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SPAN 5030 - The Learning and Teaching of Heritage SpeakersSPAN XXXX - Spanish Classroom Methods and Practice	varies	3	
Proposed changes: Students make take these courses in place of Spanish courses (pending approval 2025)				
	Additional Pedagogy Course	Fall/ Spr.		



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	Additional Foundations Course	varies		
COMPLETING THE MASTER'S REQUIRED COURSES (6 CREDITS)				
	CLDE 6912 Teacher Inquiry in Multilingual Classrooms	Fall or Spr	3	
	CLDE 5035 Connecting Theory to Practice	Spr or Sum	3	
Culminating Experience: Completed as part of CLDE 5035				
	Total Credit Hours			30 minimum

*Course offerings by term subject to minimum enrollment

Recommended Course sequence: Speak to your advisor about what is right for you, considering financial aid and desired time to completion. Spreading out coursework over additional semesters is possible, for a more manageable workload. Certain types of financial aid may be available by taking a load of 4 or more credits per semester. Use the above checklist and speak to your advisor to ensure all category requirements for the MA are met.

Summer start MA with Endorsement				Fall start MA with Endorsement		
Term	Course	Cr.		Term	Course	Cr.
Sum.	●5030 Lang. Dev. ●Spanish or 5160 History and Law	6	Year 1	Fall	●5030 Lang. Dev. ●Methods (5825 or 5820)	5
Fall	● 5824 Educación Bilingüe ●Methods (5825 or 5820)	5		Spr.	●5050 Assessment ●Methods (5826 or 5821)	4
Spr.	●5050 Assessment ●Methods (5826 or 5821)	4		Sum.	●5070 Language ●5160 History and Law	6
Sum.	●5070 Language ●Spanish or elective	6	Year 2	Fall	●5824 Educación Bilingüe ●Spanish or Methods (5825 or 5820)	3-6
Fall	●6912 Tchr Inq. ●Methods (5826 or 5820)	5		Spr.	●6912 Tchr Inq. ●Spanish or Methods (5826 or 5821)	3-6
Spr.	●5035 Theory to Practice ●Methods (5826 or 5821)	4		Sum.	●5035 Theory to Practice ●Spanish or 5160	3-6

Unique Circumstances:

BAMA, ASPIRE, and PEBC: All three of these CU Denver programs allow you to apply 9 graduate credits that can be used toward the MA.



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Transfer Credits: Many MA candidates apply to transfer credits (up to 9 credit hours) from other institutions.

District Partnership Credits: CU Denver has several partnerships with individual school districts to bring in credit for PD or practicum.

- **CLDE 5827/8: Developing CLD Content Teaching through Professional Learning.**
Fulfills the requirements for content methods (CLDE 5825/6)
- **CLDE 6910: Leadership Practicum.** Used in place of the elective credit