Spanish Language and Literature

Spanish Studies involve language, literature, cultural history, and linguistics as applied to Spain, Spanish America, and Latino communities in the United States. The field combines the humanities and the social sciences to give the student an understanding of the diverse aspects of Hispanic culture.

Because so many facets of North American life—business, industry, commerce, communications media, the arts, science, and technology—have become truly international in scope, many career opportunities exist for persons with language skills and knowledge of other cultures. A student majoring in Spanish could begin preparation for a career in any of these fields as well as in teaching. A student minoring in Spanish could combine such studies with plans for governmental service, international business, the health professions, or a major in another language and literature.

Transferable Skills

- Critical thinking abilities
- Writing and rhetorical skills
- Advanced knowledge of a foreign language
- Worldliness/knowledge of a Spanish culture
- Didactic skills
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Extensive technical writing experience
- Assessing, evaluating, and understanding
- Research skills and data analysis

Career Communities to Consider

- Business
- Arts & Communications
- Education & Helping Professions
- Public Service