

5 Things to Know

1. Why study Spanish?

Spanish is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world. It is the first language of over 500 million people living in 22 countries. While it provides a solid foundation of academic study, a degree in Spanish & Latin American Studies also makes an interesting combination with other degree programs.

2. What courses and degrees does the department offer?

All our courses explore the diversity and culture of the Spanish-speaking world: from language classes at all levels to a broad range of courses in the literatures, civilizations and cultures. Course offerings include Hispanic cinema, Latin American society, classic and contemporary literary works of the Hispanic world, Spanish and Latin American history, and experiential learning. We offer various degree options including minor programs that you can combine with other majors. We also offer annually the international examination for the Diploma of Spanish as a Foreign Language (DELE).

3. What international learning opportunities are available?

The department offers several options for students who wish to expand their knowledge and fluency in Spanish by studying at universities abroad. We currently have partnerships with universities in Spain, Mexico and Peru.

4. What kinds of jobs do people with a degree in Spanish and Latin American Studies have?

Knowledge of the Spanish language enhances your opportunities to be a **global citizen**, be more competitive in one of the fastest growing markets in the world, and learn about multiculturalism, ease international trade, and travel. A degree in Spanish will be useful to anyone seeking a career in the **foreign service, business, education, social work, government, NGOs, international development, public relations, or translation and interpretation.**

5. Where to start?

If you have some previous knowledge of Spanish, take our placement test online to determine your level of ability and the language course most suitable for you. If you are a complete beginner, register for our introductory courses: Span1021 and 1022.

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