



Spanish



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COLLEGE

The Spanish program of the Department of Modern Languages **provides students with opportunities to develop the skills, knowledge, and qualities necessary to communicate and interact** in Spanish-speaking cultures and communities around the world. Spanish is the **fourth most spoken language in the world** and is the **official language of 20 countries and Puerto Rico**. Courses range in level and topic from language and grammar to literature and film, and the **major can be tailored to the cultural and career interests of the student**.

Major Requirements

Depending on course placement*, students will take the following courses:

- Beginner Spanish I and II (SPN 105 & 106)
- Intermediate Spanish I and II (SPN 207 & 208)
- Advanced Spanish I and II (SPN 309 & 310)
- One elective at the 300- or 400-level (Excluding Advanced Spanish I and II [SPN 309 & 310])
- Three 400-level literature and culture courses
- A study abroad/cultural immersion experience is highly encouraged and recommended
- Capstone project (In consultation with the major advisor and the program director)

[Teacher Certification for Spanish is available at W&J through the Education department.]

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Minor Requirements

Depending on course placement*, students will take the following courses:

- Beginner Spanish I and II (SPN 105 & 106)
- Intermediate Spanish I and II (SPN 207 & 208)
- Advanced Spanish I and II (SPN 309 & 310)
- One 400-level literature or culture course

[Students who start at Advanced Spanish I (SPN 309) are not eligible to complete a minor.]

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Beyond the Classroom

Students in Spanish have a **wide array of opportunities** for Spanish-oriented **research, internships, conferences, and networking** beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J. Their academic achievements can help them join the **academic honor society Sigma Delta Pi** or be awarded one of the **two yearly departmental prizes**: The Richard S. Pett Academic Travel Award in languages or The J. Adolph Schmitz Prize in Language.

Travel Abroad & Internships

- Semester-long stays in Spanish-speaking countries (Ecuador, Costa Rica, Uruguay, and Spain).
- Summer Magellan Projects and study abroad in Spanish-speaking countries (any Spanish-speaking country of your choice).
- Two-week travel courses led by W&J faculty with other W&J students to Spanish-speaking countries. Destinations vary.
- Semester or year-long internship at St. Oscar Romero Parish.
- Summer local or international internships available.

Benefits of a Spanish Major/Minor for Future Employment*

- Spanish is the **most in-demand language** reported by U.S. Employers
- **20%** of Americans speak a language other than English at home
- **90%** of U.S. employers look for multilingual talent
- There is a **critical need for foreign language skills** in customer service, sales, marketing, management, and IT
- **44 U.S. states** report a shortage of language educators
- **9 out of 10 employers** rely on employees with foreign language skills

**All information from Language Connects Foundation*



Program Website

washjeff.edu/spanish



W&J Spanish students during a two-week May Term travel course to Valencia, Spain (May 2023)