INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Spanish & Portuguese major is designed for students to gain competence in written and spoken Spanish and/or Portuguese. This is accomplished through both the formal study of the linguistic structure and social history of one or both of these languages and a critical understanding of the development and achievements of their literatures in the Old World and in the New.

The major is ideal for students seeking preparation for:

- careers in international relations, law, journalism, business, social work, K-12 teaching, medicine, public service, and the arts and humanities
- graduate study in Spanish and Portuguese Literatures and Culture
- graduate study in Hispanic Linguistics or Linguistics

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Strengthen your language skills by studying abroad in Spanish or Portuguese.
- Take the department’s service-learning course SPANISH 102C: Volunteering, Global Education and Good Writing.
- Do a deep dive into a research topic with the Spanish & Portuguese honors program.

GETTING STARTED

Students pursuing the major choose a concentration based on general area of interest:

- Concentration A: The Languages, Literatures, and Cultures of the Spanish-speaking World
- Concentration B: The Languages, Literatures, and Cultures of the Portuguese-speaking World
- Concentration C: Latin American Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- Concentration D: Hispanic Languages, Linguistics, and Bilingualism

Visit the Undergraduate Advisor if you are unsure about which concentration is the right fit for you.

“How to use this map

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit vcue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.
**SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE**

**Bachelor of Arts**

**FIRST YEAR**

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- See the Spanish Placement Guide to determine your language level
- Think about which concentration is right for you
- Enroll in Freshman Seminars on interesting topics

**SECOND YEAR**

- Meet with the undergraduate advisor for pre-major advising on choosing a concentration, prerequisite courses, and declaring the major.
- Consider a double major or a minor and summer minor or certificate to amplify your major.

**THIRD YEAR**

- Begin enrolling in the upper division requirements for your concentration.
- Utilize the resources at the Berkeley Language Center.
- Talk with the undergraduate advisor about the Spanish & Portuguese honors program.

**FOURTH YEAR**

- Finish completing the upper division requirements for your concentration.
- Check in with an L&S advisor to ensure you are on track to fulfill all college and campus requirements.

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- Get matched with a graduate student mentor through Berkeley Connect.
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- Attend lecture events hosted by the department.
- Go to office hours to build relationships with professors and graduate student instructors.

**Discover your passions**

- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
- Explore new topics in student-facilitated DeCal courses.
- Take L&SEs for an introduction to the College.
- Attend the Summer Opportunities Fair to start planning your summer.
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- Volunteer on campus or within the Berkeley community.

**Engage locally and globally**

- Research study abroad options in Spanish and Portuguese language and culture.
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- Engage in community service through the Public Service Center.

**Reflect and plan your future**

- Use the Yearly Planner to guide your career path.
- Map your skills and talents to career goals with the help of the Career Counseling Library.
- Join Handshake to find Berkeley-specific internships and career development workshops.

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?**

- Jobs and Employers
  - Archaeology Intern, Presidio Trust
  - Comm. Aftrs., ConGen of Mexico in SF
  - Comm. Engrnt., Immigrants Rising
  - Community Manager, Localwise Consultant, Traje Consulting Group
  - Cyber Threat Analyst, Darktrace
  - Fellow-Case Mgmt., Americorps
  - Fellow, Hispanic Health Educator, Public Health Inst.
  - HR Assistant, UC Berkeley
  - Office Manager, Oasis Legal Services Recruiter, Pinpoint Partners
  - Researcher, Ceres Policy Research
  - Span. Interp./Tran., New Haven Li Sch Dist.
  - Teacher, KIPP LA Schools

- Graduate Programs
  - Cognitive Neuroscience
  - Comparative Literature
  - Education
  - Elementary Education
  - International Relations
  - Law School
  - Linguistics
  - Public Administration
  - Public Health
  - Romance Language & Literature
  - Secondary Education
  - Social Work
  - Spanish Language & Literature
  - Speech Pathology

- Examples gathered from the Career Destinations Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.

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- Meet alumni and learn about their career paths in the Career Connections Networking Series.

- Conduct Informational Interviews to learn more about different career fields.

- Attend Internship fairs to find internship opportunities.

- Build job search skills and confidence with Job Search Essentials workshops.

- Explore post-graduation options at career and graduate school fairs.

- Join Employer Information Sessions and network with professionals from a variety of industries.

- Get help from the Career Center with job searches, interviews, and applying to graduate school.

- Boost your Networking skills by attending events with Berkeley alumni.

- Update your resume and LinkedIn profile.

- Apply for jobs or graduate school.