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.

The Spanish and Portuguese Department at Cal creates a welcoming environment that allowed me to be vulnerable while learning a new language.

- Madison Dunlap, Class of 2019
# Design Your Journey

## Bachelor of Arts

### First Year

**Explore Your Major**
- Review major and college requirements.
- 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.

**Connect and Build Community**
- Discover hundreds of student organizations at the Calapalooza fair in August.
- Join the Spanish Conversation Club Amig@s or Portuguese conversation meetup Bate-Papo.
- 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&Ss for an introduction to the College.
- Attend the Summer Opportunities Fair to start planning your summer.

**Engage Locally and Globally**
- Research study abroad options in Spanish and Portuguese language and culture.
- Volunteer on campus or within the Berkeley community.
- 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.

### Second Year

**Explore Your Major**
- 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.

**Connect and Build Community**
- Join the Spanish Conversation Club Amig@s or Portuguese conversation meetup Bate-Papo.
- Attend lecture events hosted by the department.
- Go to office hours to build relationships with professors and graduate student instructors.

**Discover Your Passions**
- Assist a professor in their research through the Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP).
- Follow a Course Thread of your interest.
- Take a Big Ideas course to connect the dots between disciplines.

**Engage Locally and Globally**
- Study abroad as a sophomore, junior or senior with Berkeley Study Abroad.
- Volunteer and gain professional experience by taking SPANISH 102C, a service learning course.
- Study and intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC or Cal in the Capital.
- Attend internship fairs to find internship opportunities.

**Reflect and Plan Your Future**
- 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.

### Third Year

**Explore Your Major**
- 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.

**Connect and Build Community**
- Connect with campus organizations, student government, and co-curricular activities through the LEAD Center.
- Continue to build relationships with Spanish & Portuguese faculty by going to office hours.

**Discover Your Passions**
- Apply for fellowships to fund your own research.
- Connect with Spanish & Portuguese faculty members who share your research interests.
- Apply to summer research opportunities such as the SURF Program and Haas Scholars Program.

**Engage Locally and Globally**
- Volunteer and gain professional experience by taking SPANISH 102C, a service learning course.
- Study and intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC or Cal in the Capital.
- Attend classes at another UC or college through a visitor and exchange program.

**Reflect and Plan Your Future**
- Build job search skills and confidence with Job Search Essentials workshops.
- Get help from the Career Center with job searches, interviews, and applying to graduate school.

### Fourth Year

**Explore Your Major**
- 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.

**Connect and Build Community**
- Join the SLC Language Exchange Program to practice your language skills with a peer.
- Apply to become an L&S peer advisor.
- Become a Golden Bear Orientation Leader and welcome new students to the Berkeley community.

**Discover Your Passions**
- Teach your own DeCal course.
- Look to publish your research in academic undergraduate journals on-campus.

**Engage Locally and Globally**
- Volunteer and gain professional experience by taking SPANISH 102C, a service learning course.
- Study and intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC or Cal in the Capital.
- Attend classes at another UC or college through a visitor and exchange program.

**Reflect and Plan Your Future**
- Build job search skills and confidence with Job Search Essentials workshops.
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**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?**

- **Jobs and Employers**
  - Archaeology Intern, Presidio Trust
  - Comm. Afts., ConsGen of Mexico in SF
  - Comm. Engrt., Immigrants Rising
  - Community Manager, Localwise
  - Consultant, Traige Consulting Group
  - Cyber Threat Analyst, Darktrace
  - Fellow Case Mgmt., Americorps
  - Fellow, Public Health Inst.
  - HR Assistant, UC Berkeley
  - Office Manager, Oasis Legal Services
  - Recruiter, Pinpoint Partners
  - Researcher, Ceres Policy Research
  - Span. Inteq, 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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