INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Spanish and 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

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.
**SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE**

**Bachelor of Arts**

**Design Your Journey**

**FIRST YEAR**
- 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.

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

**Jobs and Employers**
- Archaeology Intern, Presidio Trust
- 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 First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.**

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**Connect and build community**
- Discover hundreds of student organizations at the Calpalooza fair in August.
- Get matched with a graduate student mentor through Berkeley Connect.
- Form a study group via the Student Learning Center (SLC).

**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.
- 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.
- 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.

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