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

ADVISORY

Students can drop in to 5317 Dwinelle Hall to speak with the undergraduate advisor or email questions to spanua@berkeley.edu.

Advising Drop-in Hours:
Monday - Friday 9am-12pm, 1-4pm

For general information about the Spanish & Portuguese major, visit spanish-portuguese.berkeley.edu/undergraduate.

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.

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.

"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
### 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 **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&S** 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 **Amigas** 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**.
  - Visit the **International House** to find cultural opportunities and events.
- **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**.
  - Take classes at another UC or college through a **Program (URAP)**.
- **Reflect and plan your future**
  - 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.

### 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**
  - Apply to **fellowships** as an option after Berkeley.
  - Explore **gap year opportunities** for a break before the next adventure.
  - Consider the **Alternative Breaks** program to go on service-learning trips over school breaks.
- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Pursue **fellowships** as an option after Berkeley.
  - Explore **graduate school fairs** to find Berkeley-specific employers.
- **Reflect and plan your future**
  - 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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### WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

**Jobs and Employers**
- Archaeology Intern, Presidio Trust
- Community Affairs, ConGen of Mexico in SF
- Comm. Engr., Immigration and Community Manager, Localwise
- Consultant, Triage Consulting Group
- Cyber Threat Analyst, Darktrace
- Fellow-Case Mgmt., Americas
- Fellow, Health Educator, Public Health Inst.
- HR Assistant, UC Berkeley
- Office Manager, Oasis Legal Services Recruiter, Pinpoint Partners
- Researcher, Ceres Policy Research
- Span. Inters/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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