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

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

• Strengthen your language skills in Spanish or Portuguese by studying abroad.
• 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.

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.

ADVISING

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.
**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&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.

**Design Your Journey**

**First 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.

**Second 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 and Portuguese honors program.

**Third Year**
- 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.

**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.

**What can I do with my major?**

**Jobs and Employers**
- HR Assistant, UC Berkeley Office Manager, Oasis Legal Services Recruiter, Pinpoint Partners Researcher, Ceres Policy Research Span. Intopol, 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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