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COLLEGE

Spanish

The Spanish program imparts in students the skills, knowledge and qualities necessary to communicate and interact in Spanish-speaking cultures and communities around the world.

Courses range in level and topic from language and grammar to literature and film, and the major can be tailored to the cultural and career interests of the student. All entering freshmen must receive a language placement for languages with which they have prior experience to determine their beginning course level for that language.

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Major Requirements

Students must take six advanced (300-level or above) classes, three of which must be at the 400-level.

In addition, students must complete a capstone project in consultation with their major advisor. Capstone experiences may include a special research project associated with a 400-level course or Independent Study, a follow-up presentation on a language intensive internship, or a pre-approved special project associated with a semester-length study abroad experience.

The major includes a semester-long study abroad experience in a Spanish-speaking country. Currently we have agreements with programs in Ecuador (Quito), Costa Rica (Heredia and San Ramón), and Spain (Alicante, Burgos, Pamplona, and Sevilla).

Minor Requirements

To graduate with a Spanish minor, students need to complete the sequence of language courses (Beginner I, Beginner II, Intermediate I, Intermediate II, Advanced I, and Advanced II) and take one additional course at the 400-level.

Students who begin at the Intermediate II-level need to complete the sequence of language courses (Intermediate II, Advanced I, and Advanced II), and take two additional 400-level courses.

Find out about our Latin American Studies minor or get a Teacher Certification for Spanish.

A full list of courses and descriptions can be found online in the College catalog.

Beyond the Classroom

Students have many opportunities for research, internships, conferences, and networking beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J.

Research and Internships

- Semester-long stays in Spanish-speaking countries (Ecuador, Costa Rica, and Spain)
- Summer Magellan projects and study abroad in Spanish-speaking countries (any Spanish-speaking country of your choice)
- Jay Term travel courses in January or May to Spanish-speaking countries (Peru and Spain)
- Internships and service learning opportunities in Costa Rica, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Spain and Puerto Rico

Careers

Possible careers: government agencies, business, banking, journalist, diploma, professor, law enforcement, international law or business, patent attorney, international science researcher, translator, marketing, and more

Alumni Achievements

- Fulbright recipient, MA in Law and Diplomacy, Public Affairs Specialist for the US Forest Service
- Assistant Professor of Spanish and Latinx Studies at Marywood University
- Studying Pharmacy at UNC
- Fulbright ESL and Research recipients to Colombia, Ecuador, Spain and Korea
- Peace Corps recipients to Southeast Asia
- Teach For America and Americorps