Spanish is the second most spoken language in the world today, and the second language of the United States. In this degree program, you’ll gain fluency in Spanish while also developing an appreciation for linguistics, Spanish literature, and Spanish or Latin American civilization and culture. With the program’s dual emphasis on communicative and cultural competence, you’ll be prepared to live and work in a world community where Spanish is important for both personal and professional reasons.

To facilitate language acquisition and cultural competency, majors are required to spend time abroad in a Spanish-speaking country. Throughout the academic year, students participate in extracurricular activities that complement the curricular offerings. Many students in the program consider a double or dual major in a field such as business administration, linguistics, social work or international affairs.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Small classes and close contact with faculty
- Weekly language conversation groups
- Faculty-led study abroad in Granada, Spain, a city that boasts a rich Arab and Christian past as well as a vibrant present
- Faculty-led study abroad in San Joaquin de Flores, Costa Rica, a country brimming with history, flora and fauna
- Latin American, Latinx and Caribbean Studies minor option that enhances your study of Spanish with courses in anthropology, political science and history
- Global Humanities Undergraduate Research Lab, bringing students and faculty together to engage with the pressing issues of our time
- Puerto Rico Lab, featuring research, creative and social activities intended to increase understanding of Hurricane María’s impact and the recovery in Puerto Rico
- 5-year accelerated master’s program that allows you to earn both a B.A. and M.A. in Spanish in 5 years

**DEGREE OPTIONS**

Spanish, B.A.
Spanish five-year B.A./accelerated master’s program
“As a Spanish major, I’ve had the opportunity to study abroad in Granada, Spain, and conduct an undergraduate research project. In doing so, I’ve built strong relationships with department faculty and peers, expanded my understanding of international cultures and acquired strong language skills. Next year, I’ll be teaching in a school district where over 90% of the student body is Hispanic, and my time in the Languages, Literatures and Cultures Department has prepared me to be successful in my new role.”

— KYRA D’ENTREMONT ‘21