

MAJOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SPANISH

DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

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WHAT WILL YOU LEARN IN THIS MAJOR?

The Spanish major is designed to be flexible, creative, and meet a host of different goals, allowing you to develop the advanced linguistic skills and forms of cultural competence so frequently sought in today's globally competitive and interconnected world.

Spanish majors will choose between two Concentrations, or areas of focus. *Concentration A* equips students with the necessary knowledge, tools and abilities to become licensed interpreters and translators. *Concentration B* is designed for students who wish to pursue a more general study of the varied cultural and literary histories of the Spanish-speaking world. Graduates will be prepared for a number of jobs in government, nonprofit agencies, and the private sector, as well as entry into graduate and professional schools. Either Concentration will develop your analytical and problem-solving abilities while enhancing your understanding of culture, communication, and the many ways in which they apply to practical real-world situations.

IN THIS MAJOR YOU WILL ■■■

Understand and use spoken Spanish at the advanced level of proficiency consistent with the American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) guidelines (both Concentrations).

Understand and produce written communications in Spanish at the advanced level of proficiency based on standards set by ACTFL (both Concentrations).

Translate written documents and interpret dialogues and speeches from English to Spanish and Spanish to English at a professional level (Concentration A).

Analyze and write critically from an interdisciplinary perspective about cultural artifacts from Spanish-speaking cultures such as literature, art and films (Concentration B).

Develop intercultural competency through engagement with the cultures of the Hispanic world (both Concentrations).

Gain knowledge of the legal systems of the Spanish-speaking world (both Concentrations).

FIRST COURSES IN THE MAJOR ■■■

SPA 201: Intermediate Spanish I or **SPA 211:** Intermediate Spanish I for Heritage Students

SPA 202: Intermediate Spanish II or **SPA 212:** Intermediate Spanish II for Heritage Students

SPA 215: Conversation and Composition in Spanish

SPA 255: Spanish for the Professional or

SPA 250: Spanish for Criminal Justice

Note: **SPA 101-102** or **SPA 111-112** or exemption from the first year of Spanish by placement test (New Building, 7.65) provides the required foundation for intermediate Spanish courses.

“La carrera de español con concentración en interpretación y traducción me mantiene cerca de mis raíces. El idioma materno es algo que nunca deseo perder ni olvidar. El poder ayudar a personas que lo necesiten en mi idioma natal, no solo en cualquier aspecto de su vida, sino en contextos legales también, me llena de alegría y vida. Por estas razones, creo que una carrera en español es esencial.”

— Aida Hernandez, Sophomore

“After thinking it through, I decided to major in Spanish. After all, it is my first language. One of the things that inspired me to choose Spanish as my major was that I could improve myself, so I could help other people who, like myself once, do not speak English. It fills me with joy to know that at some point, I will be one of those people to help the community when they require an interpreter/translator.”

— Marianyi Ávila Miseses, Junior

WHAT CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP IN THIS MAJOR?

- Analyzing information, arguments, and cultures
- Articulating, comparing, and contrasting interpretations
- Explaining and evaluating cultural differences
- Synthesizing themes
- Developing research skills

WHAT MINOR OR SECOND (DOUBLE) MAJOR MIGHT BE A GOOD COMPLEMENT TO THIS MAJOR?

A major in Spanish is an excellent complement to any of John Jay's other majors. Spanish language skills may help you find employment in careers in a huge range of disciplines.

Most minors would be an excellent complement to the Spanish major.

For more information about minors, go to:

jjay.cuny.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/minors

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL THIS MAJOR OFFER YOU?

- Enhanced career opportunities
- Higher pay
- More flexibility in employment opportunities
- Internships
- Study abroad courses in a Spanish-speaking country. A semester of study abroad in a Spanish-speaking university, approved by the student's major advisor and department chair, may substitute for up to fifteen (15) credit hours toward the major
- Sigma Delta Pi Honor Society
- The Juan A. Soto Scholarship

THIS MAJOR CAN BE A GREAT FOUNDATION FOR A WIDE RANGE OF JOBS, BUT SOME POSSIBILITIES TO CONSIDER ARE:

Arts, Media & Entertainment:

- Advertiser for Spanish-Speaking Markets
- Foreign Correspondent
- Journalist
- Publishing Editor or Specialist
- TV/ Radio Reporter
- TV/radio/web writer or editor

Education:

- College Professor
- Elementary and Secondary Teacher

Business:

- Foreign Exchange Trader
- Importer/Exporter
- International Account Manager
- International Banking Officer
- International Marketing
- International Relations Consultant
- Personnel Manager
- Translator/Interpreter

Government:

- Court Interpreter
- Cultural Attaché
- Foreign Service Diplomat
- Immigration Specialist
- Intelligence specialist (FBI, CIA, DEA)
- Translator/interpreter

Social Services:

- Attorney
- Human Rights Worker
- Human Resources Specialist
- Law Enforcement Specialist
- Medical Professions
- Social Worker