

# 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.

## 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:  
[www.jjay.cuny.edu/minors](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/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