

*Different perspectives.
Stronger communities.
A more just world.*

SPANISH FOR A BRIGHTER POLITICAL SCIENCE CAREER

LANGUAGE SKILLS. GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES.
REAL-WORLD IMPACT.

*Global challenges
need global perspectives*

WHY SPANISH MATTERS FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS



GREATER ACCESS TO GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

Spanish helps you engage with diverse communities and political perspectives across the United States, Latin America, and Spain, giving you a deeper understanding of the issues shaping our world.



A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF POLITICS AND POLICY

Language and culture help you analyze political institutions, social movements, and policy debates in Spanish-speaking countries and communities, and better understand their impact both locally and globally.



EXPANDED RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Spanish opens doors to research on democracy, human rights, migration, environmental policy, and other key issues in Latin America and the U.S., allowing you to work with sources, institutions, and communities in their own language.



STAND OUT IN GRAD SCHOOL AND THE JOB MARKET

Bilingual skills make you a stronger candidate for graduate programs and careers in government, international organizations, public policy, law, journalism, and the nonprofit sector.

NEW MEXICO NEEDS BILINGUAL POLICY LEADERS



Nearly **50%** of New Mexicans speak a language other than English at home, and the majority of these residents are Spanish speakers.

**A STRONGER,
MORE INCLUSIVE
NEW MEXICO.**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey
1-Year Estimates (2022).

CAREERS & OPPORTUNITIES

Spanish can open doors to meaningful work in:

- Legal and policy analysis
- International relations and diplomacy
- Government service (local, state, federal)
- Public policy and policy research
- Human rights and social justice
- Migration, border, and immigration policy
- Environmental and climate policy
- International organizations (e.g., UN, OAS, NGOs)
- Community and civic engagement
- Journalism, communications, and media
- And many other careers focused on building a more just, democratic, and inclusive society



Understand.



Participate.



Create Change.

*Language changes how we listen.
Culture changes how we understand.*

Spanish can help you connect more deeply
with the people you serve.



DEPARTMENT OF
SPANISH &
PORTUGUESE

Contact us to
learn more!



A SECOND MAJOR OR MINOR

ROADMAP: Start Sophomore Year. Finish By Senior Year

SECOND MAJOR IN SPANISH

- TAKE TWO OF THESE COURSES, OUR ONLY PRE-REQUISITES, IN ANY SEMESTER AND IN ANY ORDER:
 - ☐ CHOOSE ONE: SPAN 301 OR SPAN 305
TOPICS IN HISPANIC CULTURE • MEDICAL SPANISH AND PUBLIC HEALTH
 - ☐ SPAN 302: ADVANCED WRITING IN SPANISH
- THEN TAKE TWO COURSES FROM THESE CLUSTERS IN ANY ORDER
 - ☐ CHOOSE ONE: SPAN 350, 351, 352, OR 371
SOUND PATTERNS • LINGUISTICS • GRAMMAR IN SOCIETY • SPANISH OF THE SOUTHWEST
 - ☐ CHOOSE ONE: SPAN 306, 307, 370, OR 303
HEALTH & HEALING • HISPANIC LITERATURE • CHICANO LITERATURE • BRAZILIAN LITERATURE & CULTURE
- THEN TAKE FOUR ADVANCED COURSES IN ANY SEMESTER AND IN ANY ORDER:
 - ☐ ANY COURSE ABOVE SPAN 328
 - ☐ ANY COURSE ABOVE SPAN 400
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DID YOU KNOW?



- A second major appears on your diploma & transcript! (A minor appears on your transcript only.)
- You can take advanced courses during the intercession and summer terms!
- Study abroad can count toward your degree—up to 15 credits for a second major and 12 credits for a minor!

MINOR IN SPANISH

- TAKE TWO OF THESE COURSES, OUR ONLY PRE-REQUISITES, IN ANY SEMESTER AND IN ANY ORDER:
 - ☐ CHOOSE ONE: SPAN 301 OR SPAN 305
TOPICS IN HISPANIC CULTURE • MEDICAL SPANISH AND PUBLIC HEALTH
 - ☐ SPAN 302: ADVANCED WRITING IN SPANISH
- THEN TAKE TWO COURSES FROM THESE CLUSTERS IN ANY ORDER
 - ☐ CHOOSE ONE: SPAN 350, 351, 352, OR 371
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- THEN TAKE TWO ADVANCED COURSES IN ANY SEMESTER AND IN ANY ORDER:
 - ☐ ANY COURSE ABOVE SPAN 349
 - ☐ ANY COURSE ABOVE SPAN 400



ADVANCED PLACEMENT CREDITS (AP)



- A 4 OR 5 ON AP SPANISH LANGUAGE ALLOWS ENROLLMENT IN SPAN 307
- A 4 ON AP SPANISH LITERATURE ALLOWS ENROLLMENT IN SPAN 307
- A 5 ON AP SPANISH LITERATURE ALLOWS ENROLLMENT IN SPAN 328 AND ABOVE