

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

SPANISH FOR A BRIGHTER PSYCHOLOGY CAREER

LANGUAGE SKILLS. HUMAN CONNECTION.
REAL-WORLD IMPACT.

*Mental health
has no borders.*

WHY SPANISH MATTERS FOR PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS



MORE EFFECTIVE, MORE EQUITABLE CARE

Spanish helps you communicate more effectively with clients, families, and communities, leading to stronger therapeutic relationships and more culturally responsive, equitable mental health care.



A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR

Language and culture shape how people experience, express, and cope with mental health challenges. Spanish helps you better understand diverse perspectives, values, and lived experiences.



EXPANDED RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Spanish opens doors to research with Spanish-speaking populations, allowing you to explore important questions about mental health, behavior, and well-being in diverse communities.



STAND OUT IN GRAD SCHOOL AND THE JOB MARKET

Bilingual skills make you a stronger candidate for graduate programs and careers in psychology, counseling, social work, public health, education, and related fields—especially in New Mexico and across the U.S.

NEW MEXICO NEEDS BILINGUAL MENTAL-HEALTH PROFESSIONALS



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:

- Clinical and counseling psychology
- Behavioral health and community mental health
- School psychology
- Social work and family services
- Public health and health promotion
- Research with Spanish-speaking communities
- Nonprofit and community-based organizations
- And many other careers where understanding people and communities matters



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

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

*More than a language—
a more connected, more compassionate world.*



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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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

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- ☐ ANY COURSE ABOVE SPAN 349
- ☐ ANY COURSE ABOVE SPAN 400

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!



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