

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN WORLD LANGUAGES & CULTURES: SPANISH



SUCCEED. EXPERIENCE. ENJOY.

Build upon your passion for world languages and cultures. You'll broaden your employment opportunities, make connections between language and other disciplines, and even get the chance to study abroad.

BROADEN YOUR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES BY STUDYING SPANISH.

Spanish is the native language of 477 million people worldwide. It is an official language in 21 countries and the second language of the United States. The vast range of countries where Spanish is spoken and their emerging economies make Spanish an important language in the global market. The vibrant Spanish-speaking cultures have influenced world literature, music, film, sports and gastronomy. A Spanish major will open up the world!

Opportunities for Spanish majors are endless. Spanish is used extensively in business, international trade, education, university admissions, health care, social services, publishing, advertising, hospitality and tourism, environmental sciences, law enforcement, government agencies and international organizations. Spanish is becoming a business necessity.

Employers know language majors can communicate effectively in both written and spoken forms, interact with a wider group of clients, understand multiple viewpoints, exhibit cultural sensitivity and flexibility, and are able to adapt in a fast-changing world.

WE OFFER A FLEXIBLE MAJOR WITH MANY BENEFITS.

You'll be able to take elective courses in your area of interest, such as History or Political Science. Go for a double major. Popular combos include Spanish and Communication Disorder Sciences, Psychology, Biology, Music, and Marketing. Minor in Latin American Studies, Film Studies, or Entrepreneurship. Choose our Teacher Licensure Option. Spanish teachers are in high demand. You'll be able to take classes with the College of Education while completing your language courses. Regardless of your chosen path, you'll be better prepared to work in the world economy.

- + **Acquire** real-world proficiency in all modes of communication (interpersonal, interpretive and presentational)
- + **Explore** the rich cultures of Spain and Latin America
- + **Fulfill** the Gen Ed (Humanities) requirement with Intermediate Spanish I and II
- + **Expand** your knowledge of Spanish and Latin American literature and film
- + **Discuss** important questions of cultural diversity, gender, race, and identity

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WHY STUDY WORLD LANGUAGES & CULTURES AT EIU?

ACQUIRE SKILLS TODAY'S EMPLOYERS WANT.

Make your résumé stand out with broad skills that qualify you for a wide range of jobs that make an impact.

MATCH YOUR GOALS.

We have flexible majors in Spanish, French and German. Take classes in your language as well as courses from other disciplines with an international focus.

LEARN FROM TOP FACULTY.

Our professors are fabulous, fluent, and fun. Get wowed by dynamic instructors who are dedicated to their craft.

REACH PROFICIENCY FOR SUCCESS.

Our small classes focus on you and your progress. Ample practice will ensure you're moving up on the proficiency scale in all modes of communication.

SAVE MONEY AND TIME.

\$15,000+ scholarships earmarked for EIU World Languages and Cultures majors. Up to 6 free credits awarded for proficiency gained in high school. Have the Seal of Biliteracy? Get 8 credits.

HAVE A PASSION FOR TEACHING?

Choose our teacher licensure option. Our outstanding program is ACTFL/CAEP accredited. And it's the perfect time to become a language teacher: 100% placement in all languages.

GAIN EXPERIENCE AND CONNECT.

Meaningful and memorable service learning in the community: Tutor for "Amigos and Friends." Teach our after school program in Spanish, French, or German. Intern at GlobalFest.

GO STUDY ABROAD.

Worried about money or time? We have study abroad programs for all budgets and timelines. Earn 2 to 15 credits!

BUILD WORLD LANGUAGE COMMUNITY.

Work as a tutor in our World Language Center. Collaborate with faculty to promote the study of world languages. Have a great time with fellow language lovers: Conversation tables; Spanish, French and German Clubs; film nights; Honor Society events; Mardi Gras; Karneval; Oktoberfest; Latino Heritage Month, Fiesta Latina and more.

WE'RE ALL IN!

Small classes, great faculty, and unique opportunities.

REQUIRED COURSEWORK

WITH 2-3 YEARS OF SPANISH STUDY IN HIGH SCHOOL, STUDENTS USUALLY START AT THE 2000-LEVEL. SEE CATALOG FOR AP AND ADVANCED COMPETENCY CREDIT. **ALL COURSES ARE 3 CREDIT HOURS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.**

WLS 2201G - Intermediate Spanish I (4 HRS)

WLS 2202G - Intermediate Spanish II (4 HRS)

26 UPPER DIVISION HOURS, FROM COURSES SUCH AS:

WLS 3000 - Spanish Grammar in Context (4 HRS)

WLS 3010 - Spanish through Latin American Narrative and Film

WLS 3050 - Spanish Pronunciation & Conversation (4 HRS)

WLS 3201 - Business Spanish

WLS 3300 - Hispanic Cinema

WLS 3510 - Introduction to Modern Spanish Literature

WLS 3540 - Race and Gender in Spanish American Literature

WLS 3550 - Contemporary Latin American Drama

WLS 4310 - Civilization and Culture of Spain

WLS 4320 - Civilization and Culture of Spanish America

WLS 4650 - Latinx Identity and Cultural Diversity (1-3 HRS)

ELECTIVE COURSEWORK: 9 HRS

Any combination of courses from other departments with a focus on diversity or international studies and/or courses in another world language. Courses will be chosen in consultation with an advisor.

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED FOR MAJOR: 35 HRS

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- + **SPANISH MINOR:** Take 4 elective courses relating to Latin America. Two of the four courses need to be taken outside our Department (for example, in History, Geography, or Sociology).
- + **STUDY ABROAD:** Perfect your Spanish and earn language credits! Go with faculty to Mexico over Spring Break and earn 2 credits. Study in Costa Rica in summer and earn 4-6 credits. Spend a full semester (12-16 credits) at our partner schools in Salamanca or Malaga or Sevilla, Spain, or in San Jose, Costa Rica. Study in Ecuador or Argentina and immerse yourself in Spanish!



AMANDA ALSO STUDIED FRENCH, GERMAN, AND CHINESE, AND SERVED AS A SPANISH TUTOR AT EIU'S WORLD LANGUAGE CENTER.

"I'm thankful for everything that EIU has given me, from my supportive professors, new friends, to the fantastic classes and clubs. Not to mention the opportunities to go abroad! I've made chocolate in Guatemala, climbed a pyramid in Mexico, and spent a semester in Spain. Now, I'm headed off to Costa Rica with the Peace Corps and my experiences at EIU helped make that possible."

AMANDA KIESSLING '20
SPANISH MAJOR