

## Introduction to the Major

### Why study Spanish at Clark?

Cultivate linguistic fluency and cultural insight that empower you to engage meaningfully with Spanish-speaking communities in the U.S. or to thrive abroad after graduation. Learn alongside dedicated faculty whose scholarship spans the rich and complex worlds of Hispanic cinema, literature, digital culture, race, gender, and sexuality studies. Enroll in courses that foster connections with local organizations. Engage directly with political activists, artists, and changemakers.

### Highlights

As a Spanish major at Clark, you will choose between two immersive tracks to deepen your engagement with the language and its cultures: you can study abroad in a Spanish-speaking country and experience daily life through meaningful interactions with native speakers, or pursue an internship with a local organization serving Spanish-speaking communities, applying your skills in real-world contexts. Both paths offer transformative insights and prepare you for diverse, globally oriented careers!



**"Your life is defined by language. Your identity is defined by language. When people embrace the study of language, they open avenues to expand their minds."**

- Professor Eduard Arriaga-Arango, Department Chair, Language, Literature & Culture



### What can I do with my major?

#### **JOBS & EMPLOYERS**

Spanish graduates work in education, business, law, diplomacy, international development, translation, the arts, marketing, journalism, medicine, and other fields.

Students build core skills of linguistic and cultural competencies that will enable them to work across cultures/communities in the US, as well as live and work in Spanish-speaking countries after graduation.

#### **GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

Alumni pursue advanced degrees in Hispanic literature, environmental studies, teaching, and more at institutions across the country and around the world.

### Foundational Courses

Students can choose between the study abroad or internship track with the same four required courses:

- SPAN 127: Practice in Oral and Written Spanish
- SPAN 131: Social Change in Hispanic Literature or SPAN 132: Analyzing Stories and Poems
- SPAN 237: Advanced Oral & Written Spanish
- SPAN 296: Capstone
- CMLT 130: The National Imagination

# YOUR CLARK EXPERIENCE



**Discover and Demonstrate your Purpose**



**Cultivate Your Communities**



**Engage Locally & Globally**



**Develop your Professional Identity**

## Year 1



### **Explore the major**

Stop by Estabrook Hall to tour the department and introduce yourself to faculty and staff. Explore the Spanish curriculum.



### **Explore the campus and the wider community**

Find new cultural interests on and off campus. Connect and engage with opportunities in the community that require Spanish skills. Join a student club. Get involved in the community through community engagement fairs. Explore Clark student employment opportunities.



### **Pursue your interests**

Research internship, summer job, or research possibilities. Opportunity funding is available through the Career Connections Center (CCC).

## Year 3



### **Go beyond the classroom**

Work as a Peer Learning Assistant (PLA) for one of our language classes. Mentor first- and second-year students. Work with the community through Spanish courses.



### **Prepare for research**

Collaborate with our award-winning faculty on research and community-based projects and develop relationships with diverse Worcester communities and organizations.



### **Plan for senior year and beyond**

Explore if graduate school is right for you with resources through the Career Connections Center. Talk over options with faculty members and your adviser.

## Year 2



### **Dig in and define your interests**

Gain a deeper understanding of Spanish cultural identities by analyzing various forms of Spanish literature and cultural expression. How can you connect Spanish with your other major, minors, concentrations, or academic interests?



### **Prepare for study abroad**

As a Spanish major, you are required to engage deeply with the language and culture beyond the classroom. Explore the options with your professors, visit the Study Abroad Office to discover a world of possibilities, and choose the path that inspires you most.



### **Develop a professional resume**

Use the Career Connections Center (CCC) template. Upload to Handshake for review and feedback. This will help you prepare for any opportunities you want to pursue.

## Year 4



### **Pull it together with your capstone**

Your capstone could be “la guinda del pastel” and the door to exciting opportunities of research and discovery.



### **Apply what you have learned**

Learn about and pursue community engagement opportunities with the Spanish-speaking community in Worcester such as Herencia y Cultura Hispánicas, Cafecito con..., or a community translation course.



### **Get ready to launch**

Attend career-related events through the Career Connections Center to meet recruiters and learn about opportunities. Update your professional profiles including LinkedIn. Find ways to demonstrate qualities such as leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and initiative.