



MERRIMACK COLLEGE

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS

SPANISH



The Spanish major offers a variety of courses and programs that help language students at all levels – from absolute beginners to heritage speakers – strengthen their linguistic skills, expand their understanding of the world, and connect different disciplines together. Gaining competency in a second language exposes students to systems of thought and expression different from their own, introducing them to new ideas, customs, habits, and values.

Our faculty is trained to provide students with a unique set of international and interdisciplinary cultural opportunities designed to broaden their cultural horizons, enhance their intellectual flexibility, and increase their adaptability in the context of an ever-changing global workplace.

ENGAGING COURSEWORK

The major is designed to develop skills in reading and writing, promote understanding and appreciation of the history, cultures and literatures of the Spanish-speaking world, and enhance students' ability to communicate in Spanish. Language study also affords a deeper awareness of the dynamics of communicative exchanges. The Spanish major starts with language study always connected to culture and practical uses, and then it moves on to deeper study and discussion of significant artistic and cultural artifacts, and political and social issues that affect the Spanish-speaking world.

A selection of program coursework includes:

- SPA 3020 Latin American and Spanish Contemporary Film
- SPA 3310 US Latinas/os: Culture and Service Learning
- SPA 3610 Race, Literature and Culture
- SPA3620 Gender, Literature and Culture
- SPA 4050 Literatures and Cultures of Resistance

REWARDING CAREER PATHS

Directly and indirectly, the study of Spanish and its cultures will provide you with important job-related knowledge and skills that can give you a competitive edge, bearing in mind the demographics of the United States. Some of these skills include the ability to solve problems and to think analytically and creatively, and to communicate effectively and confidently in writing and in person. Graduates of the Spanish major program pursue careers in business, education, government, and the non-profit sector; and many also pursue advanced degrees.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Study Abroad

Students are strongly encouraged to study abroad for a semester or more at our Study Abroad Program in Bilbao, Spain and Buenos Aires, Argentina, which offer an exceptional variety of courses and opportunities for Spanish cultural immersion.

Teacher of Foreign Languages

Students interested in preparing for a career as teachers of Spanish at the secondary and middle school level have the following two options: they may major in Spanish and pass the Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure (MTEL) to obtain a 5-year preliminary license to teach Spanish.

Internships

Given the growing importance of Spanish in the US, students are encouraged to participate in an internship where they can put into practice their linguistic and cultural skills.

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QUESTIONS?

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