INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR
The Spanish and Portuguese major is designed for students to gain competence in written and spoken Spanish and/or Portuguese. This is accomplished through both the formal study of the linguistic structure and social history of one or both of these languages and a critical understanding of the development and achievements of their literatures in the Old World and in the New.

The major is ideal for students seeking preparation for:
• careers in international relations, law, journalism, business, social work, K-12 teaching, medicine, public service, and the arts and humanities
• graduate study in Spanish and Portuguese Literatures and Culture
• graduate study in Hispanic Linguistics or Linguistics

GETTING STARTED
Students pursuing the major choose a concentration based on general area of interest:
• Concentration A: The Languages, Literatures, and Cultures of the Spanish-speaking World
• Concentration B: The Languages, Literatures, and Cultures of the Portuguese-speaking World
• Concentration C: Latin American Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
• Concentration D: Hispanic Languages, Linguistics, and Bilingualism

Visit the Undergraduate Advisor if you are unsure about which concentration is the right fit for you.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR
• Strengthen your language skills in Spanish or Portuguese by studying abroad.
• Do a deep dive into a research topic with the Spanish & Portuguese honors program.

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## First Year
- Review major and college requirements
  - See the Spanish Placement Guide to determine your language level.
  - Think about which concentration is right for you.
  - Enroll in Freshman Seminars on interesting topics.
- Connect and build community
  - Discover hundreds of student organizations at the Calpaloosa fair.
  - Get matched with a graduate student mentor through Berkeley Connect.
  - Form a study group via the Student Learning Center (SLC).
- Discover your passions
  - Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
  - Explore new topics in student-facilitated DeCal courses.
  - Take L&S 1 for an introduction to the College.
  - Attend the Summer Opportunities Fair to start planning your summer.
- Engage locally and globally
  - Research study abroad options in Spanish and Portuguese language and culture.
  - Volunteer on campus or within the Berkeley community.
  - Engage in community service through the Public Service Center.
- Reflect and plan your future
  - Use the Yearly Planner to guide your career path.
  - Map your skills and talents to career goals with the help of the Career Counseling Library.
  - Join Handshake to find Berkeley-specific internships and career development workshops.

## Second Year
- Explore your major
  - Meet with the undergraduate advisor for pre-major advising on choosing a concentration, prerequisite courses, and declaring the major.
  - Consider a double major or a minor and summer minor or certificate to amplify your major.
- Connect and build community
  - Join the Spanish Conversation Club Amigias or Portuguese conversation meetup Bate-Papo.
  - Attend lecture events hosted by the department.
  - Go to office hours to build relationships with professors and graduate student instructors.
- Discover your passions
  - Assist a professor in their research through the Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP).
  - Follow a Course Thread of your interest.
  - Take a Big Ideas course to connect the dots between disciplines.
- Engage locally and globally
  - Study abroad as a sophomore, junior or senior with Berkeley Study Abroad.
  - Visit the International House to find cultural opportunities and events.
- Reflect and plan your future
  - Meet alumni and learn about their career paths in the Career Connections Networking Series.
  - Conduct Informational Interviews to learn more about different career fields.
  - Attend internships fairs to find internship opportunities.

## Third Year
- Explore your major
  - Begin enrolling in the upper division requirements for your concentration.
  - Utilize the resources at the Berkeley Language Center.
  - Talk with the undergraduate advisor about the Spanish & Portuguese honors program.
- Connect and build community
  - Connect with campus organizations, student government, and co-curricular activities through the LEAD Center.
  - Continue to build relationships with Spanish & Portuguese faculty by going to office hours.
- Discover your passions
  - Apply for fellowships to fund your own research.
  - Connect with Spanish & Portuguese faculty members who share your research interests.
  - Apply to summer research opportunities such as the SURF Program and Haas Scholars Program.
- Engage locally and globally
  - Study and intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC or Cal in the Capital.
  - Take classes at another UC or college through a visitor and exchange program.
- Reflect and plan your future
  - Explore post-graduation options at career and graduate school fairs.
  - Join Employer Information Sessions and network with professionals from a variety of industries.
  - Get help from Berkeley Career Engagement with job searches, interviews, and applying to graduate school.
  - Boost your Networking skills by attending events with Berkeley alumni.
  - Update your resume and LinkedIn profile.
  - Apply for jobs or graduate school.

## Fourth Year
- Explore your major
  - Finish completing the upper division requirements for your concentration.
  - Check-in with an L&S advisor to ensure you are on track to fulfill all college and campus requirements.
- Connect and build community
  - Join the SLC Language Exchange Program to practice your language skills with a peer.
  - Apply to become an L&S peer advisor.
  - Become a Golden Bear Orientation Leader and welcome new students to the Berkeley community.
- Discover your passions
  - Teach your own DeCal course.
  - Look to publish your research in academic undergraduate journals on-campus.
- Engage locally and globally
  - Pursue fellowships as an option after Berkeley.
  - Explore gap year opportunities for a break before the next adventure.
  - Consider the Alternative Breaks program to go on service-learning trips over school breaks.
- Reflect and plan your future
  - Get help from Berkeley Career Engagement with job searches, interviews, and applying to graduate school.
  - Boost your Networking skills by attending events with Berkeley alumni.
  - Update your resume and LinkedIn profile.
  - Apply for jobs or graduate school.

## What Can I Do with My Major?
- Jobs and Employers
  - Archaeology Intern, Presidio Trust
  - Comm. Arts, ConGen of Mexico in SF
  - Comm. Engmt., Imigrants Rising Community Manager, Localwise Consultant, Trace Consulting Group
  - Cyber Threat Analyst, Darktrace Fellow-Case Mgmt., AmericaCorps
  - Health Educator, Public Health Inst.
  - HR Assistant, UC Berkeley Office Manager, Oasis Legal Services Recruiter, Pinpoint Partners
  - Researcher, Ceres Policy Research
  - Span. Int/Trans, New Haven Li Sch. Dist.
  - Teacher, KIPP LA Schools
- Graduate Programs
  - Cognitive Neuroscience
  - Comparative Literature
  - Education
  - Elementary Education
  - International Relations
  - Law School
  - Linguistics
  - Public Administration
  - Public Health
  - Romance Language & Literature
  - Secondary Education
  - Social Work
  - Spanish Language & Literature
  - Speech Pathology

Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.

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