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
• graduate study in Hispanic American languages and cultures

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.

ADVISORY

Students can email the undergraduate advisor with any questions, and/or set up an in-person or zoom advising appointment here: spanua@berkeley.edu.

For general information about the Spanish & Portuguese major, visit spanish-portuguese.berkeley.edu/undergraduate.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

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.

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day
Come to UC Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit spanish-portuguese.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

"The Spanish and Portuguese Department at Cal creates a welcoming environment that allowed me to be vulnerable while learning a new language."
-Madison Dunlap, Class of 2019
SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE

Bachelor of Arts

**FIRST YEAR**
- **Explore your major**
  - 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 Calapalooza 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&Ss 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

**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 Amig@s or Portuguese conversation meetup Rate-Pate-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.

**THIRD YEAR**
- **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.

**FOURTH YEAR**
- **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.

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?**
- **Jobs and Employers**
  - Archaeology Intern, Presidio Trust
  - Comm. Aths., ConGen of Mexico in SF
  - Comm. Engr., Immigrants Rising
  - Community Manager, Localwise
  - Consultant, Triage Consulting Group
  - Cyber Threat Analyst, Darktrace
  - Fellow-Case Mgmt., Americorps
  - Fellow, UC Berkeley
  - Grad. Student Manager, Oasis Legal Services
  - Recruiter, Pinpoint Partners
  - Researcher, Ceres Policy Research
  - Span. Interp/Tran, 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.**

**First Year Yearly Planner**
- 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.
- 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 Internship fairs to find internship opportunities.

**Second Year Yearly Planner**
- 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.

**Third Year Yearly Planner**
- 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.

**Fourth Year Yearly Planner**
- Review college requirements for pre-
- Meet with the upper division requirements for your concentration.
- Consider a double major or a minor and summer minor or certificate to amplify your major.
- Utilize the resources at the Berkeley Language Center.
- Talk with the undergraduate advisor about the Spanish & Portuguese honors program.

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