Spanish majors study language, cultures, and literary traditions from Spain and Latin America, and gain an appreciation and greater awareness of the vital connections between global and local Hispanic communities. In advanced courses for majors and minors, the curriculum retains the strengths of traditional linguistic analysis and adds a cutting-edge cultural study focus to the study of literature and civilizations. Students at all levels develop language proficiency.

With over 37 million Spanish speakers in the U.S. and 350 million in the world among 21 Spanish-speaking countries, being bilingual in Spanish is one of the most valuable skills you can bring to your future career.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the employment of Interpreters and translators is projected to grow 20% from 2021 to 2031, faster than the average of all occupations.

**Essential Skills & Characteristics to develop and highlight:**
- Critical Analyzer
- Proficiency
- Attention to detail and organization
- Writing, speaking, interpersonal skills
- Personal management
- Open minded
- Global Awareness
- Collaborative

**How To Get Started:**
- Assess your personal strengths & preferences
- Research opportunities: online/in-person
- Expand your Spanish fluency and professional brand through networking
- Get an internship/relevant work experience
- Join a Spanish cultural or professional organization
- Connect with professionals through career conversations & job shadowing

**Chart Your Path Forward with the Career Success Center**

[Activate Your Handshake Account](www.wcsu.edu/handshake)

for events, coaching appointments and connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking & more!

[Explore Career Communities](#)
to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your Spanish major into success.

[Get Career & Internship Advising](#)
from the Career Success Center to make a plan, whether you’re a first-year student or about to graduate.
Put your Spanish major to WORK

Common Alumni Job Titles:
- International Relations Consultant
- Foreign Exchange Trader
- Translator/Interpreter
- Foreign Language Teacher
- Proofreader
- Correspondent
- Publishing Specialist

Employers of Spanish Majors:
- WCSU
- Danbury Schools
- Union Savings Bank
- Western Connecticut Health Network
- IBM
- Yale New Haven Hospital
- Ability Beyond
- Bank of America
- Brookfield High School

Recent Spanish Alumni

Employment Sector
- 23% Educational Services
- 15% Retail Trade
- 14% Transportation and Warehousing
- 8% Construction
- 7% Finance and Insurance
- 7% Management
- 5% Information
- 5% Accommodations and Health Care Services

Live & Work
- 40% Connecticut
- 16% New England Balance
- 12% South Atlantic
- 11% Middle Atlantic
- 9% Pacific
- 6% East North Central
- 4% West South Central
- 1% Mountain

Informational & Job Websites

https://wcsu.joinhandshake.com/login
http://www.cdsintl.org/
http://www.studyabroad.com/
http://www.transitionsabroad.com/
http://www.hoovers.com/free/
http://www.languagejobs.org/
http://www.latinoarts.org/
http://lasa.international.pitt.edu/
http://www.aatsp.org/
https://www.atanet.org
https://www.actfl.org
https://www.mla.org
https://lasaweb.org/en/lsa2021/

Career Communities for Spanish Majors

The Career Success Center has seven Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Spanish majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit our website at www.wcsu.edu/careersuccess/career-communities/ to view more.

- Education and Human Services
- Government, Public Policy, Law and Non-Profit
- Media, Arts, Marketing & Entertainment