

WORLD LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES



Degrees offered

- Bachelor of Arts in Spanish
- Bachelor of Arts in French
- B.S.B.A. International Business
- Minor East Asian Studies
- Minor in Chinese
- Minor in French & Francophone Studies
- Minor in Latin American Studies
- Minor in Italian Studies
- Certificate Program in Italian

Why major in Spanish?

Many Spanish majors combine their Spanish studies with other areas to prepare for career opportunities in international business, government, travel or communications, where knowledge of a foreign language and of foreign cultures is essential. The Spanish Department at High Point University helps students develop the skills needed for a successful professional career, both domestic and abroad. The program provides students an in-depth look into the Spanish-speaking cultures of Spain, Latin America and the United States.

- Only 18 percent of Americans speak a second language, compared to 53 percent of Europeans who speak a second language.
- Spanish is one of the six official languages of the United Nations.
- Spanish is the second most widely spoken native language on Earth after Chinese.
- There are 21 countries in the world that list Spanish as an official language.

Expanding horizons

Students are encouraged to continue their study of foreign language through a semester or a year abroad. Home-stay options are available for an intensive language study. Students should begin planning with their academic advisor early in their sophomore year.

Affiliated universities for full-year or full-semester options through the Office of Global Education:

- University of Belgrano – Buenos Aires, Argentina
- La Universidad Latinoamericana de Ciencia y Tecnología (ULACIT)
- Universidad San Francisco De Quito – Quito, Ecuador
- Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola – Lima and Cuzco, Peru
- Spanish American Institute – Seville, Spain
- Istituto Lorenzo de' Medici – Florence, Italy
- American University in Rome – Rome, Italy
- Università Carlo Cattaneo – Castellanza, Italy
- The Groupe École Supérieure de Commerce de Pau (ESC-Pau) – Pau, France
- Universität Graz – Graz, Austria
- Hangzhou Normal University, China
- Zhejiang University of Media and Communications, China

Additionally, some short-term course-specific Global Experience "Maymester" programs are available. Example Maymesters led by World Languages, Literature, and Cultures faculty include:

- Intermediate Spanish in Salamanca
- Spanish Culture: Past & Present in Sevilla
- Chile in a Time of Transformation
- Spanish Summer School in Peru
- Exploring China
- Explorations of France
- Placing Sicily: The Crossroads of the Mediterranean

Why major in French?

French and Francophone Studies at High Point University helps you discover the cultures of France and of French-speaking areas around the world, including North Africa, West Africa, Québec, the Caribbean, Belgium, Switzerland, Southeast Asia and more. Students may spend a semester studying French language and culture at the prestigious Sorbonne University in Paris or studying business at the École Supérieure de Commerce in Pau in the South of France. Students may also take a summer program with an internship in Marseilles or Dijon.

Experiential learning

HPU Alternative Break Program: Students have the opportunity to participate in service trips through the HPU Alternative Break Program. HPU sends students to communities in need all over the world during each fall and spring break to volunteer on projects such as building stoves in Guatemala, securing safe drinking water in Honduras and storm relief in the Northeast U.S.

Volunteer Opportunities: Students can volunteer year round with nonprofits that work with the Hispanic and international community in the area.

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"I have truly loved the environment created in each of my Spanish classes – the atmosphere is always one of camaraderie,

community, and active and dynamic learning experiences. I love the language itself but getting to study it with the HPU professors has been the very best part of my Spanish education. I'll be forever grateful to have chosen to continue my language skills in college. It has made me a better learner and a better person by expanding the way that I see the world culturally."

Jacqueline Davey (Spanish minor, '20)

"I feel like the faculty truly cared about helping me improve my French, supporting me outside of the classroom, and expanding their program to reach more students! My classes were engaging, challenging, and fun. I will hold onto what I accomplished in my French classes for a long time."

Olivia Royce (French, '19)

100% of our graduates with a Spanish Education certificate are working in the high school system.

Get involved

For Spanish: The Spanish Club and Sigma Delta Pi, National Spanish Honors Society

For French: The French Club, Pi Delta Phi, National French Honor Society

For International Students: The International Club and Phi Beta Delta, International Honors Society

For Italian: The Italian Club



Research opportunities

As a required part of the majors in French and Spanish, students engage in an original research project during their senior year in their target language. Students typically present their research in student conferences such as High-PURCS.

Meet Erica

Hometown:

Major: International Relations, Political Science and French/Francophone Studies

Erica was selected for a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships from the U.S. Department of State and J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. She will serve among the more than 2,100

U.S. citizens studying, conducting research and teaching abroad through the program. Erica will travel to Moldova to teach English and reinforce her Moldovan and Romanian language skills.



For more information about HPU's Modern Foreign Language Program, contact: