

Spanish

Department Information

- **Department Web Site:**
www.ndsu.edu/modernlanguages/ (<http://www.ndsu.edu/modernlanguages/>)
- **Credential Offered:**
B.S.; B.A.; Minor
- **Official Program Curriculum:**
catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/spanish/ (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/spanish/>)

Spanish is spoken in 28 countries by over 740 million people, and the US is now the second largest Spanish-speaking country in the world. In today's global economy, learning to speak Spanish is an extremely valuable skill, both in the United States and abroad. In this program, you will learn to effectively speak, read, and write in Spanish, with courses in conversation, reading comprehension, Spanish for business, Spanish for the healthcare professions, culture, and literature. Our curriculum will also help you develop what employers call desirable "soft skills" such as creativity, mental flexibility, critical thinking, and intercultural communication strategies. The Spanish major can easily pair with another major, a number of minors, or teaching certification.

Career Directions

Today's interconnected world generates the need to be able to communicate in more than one language. As networks of international cooperation and exchange grow in complexity, particularly among governments and businesses, those who possess foreign language competence become increasingly valuable. Moreover, it has been shown that learning a second language can improve one's overall writing and speaking ability.

Students who declare a Spanish major or minor find it to be incredibly useful when combined with preparation in another professional field. Examples include healthcare, public relations, journalism, TV and radio broadcasting, hotel management, publishing and editing, government service, banking, and management. One of the more promising occupational fields for language students has been international business. Individuals with Spanish language skills are finding increased opportunities with multinational corporations, especially in management and marketing. Regardless of their specific majors, students are encouraged to contact the Spanish Program for information and advice on career application of Spanish.

Students wishing to prepare for high school teaching should make this intention known to the School of Education and to the Spanish Program to make certain that the requirements for state certification are met. Competitiveness and flexibility in the job market tend to be greater if certification can be obtained in two or more different areas.