The program develops analytical skills and methodologies needed to explore Hispanic, Hispanic-American, and Luso-Brazilian languages and cultures. The department offers two majors (Spanish studies and combined Spanish-Portuguese studies) and two minors (Spanish studies and Portuguese studies).

It is important to note that department majors and minors are not simply Spanish and Portuguese language majors or minors, rather, they are liberal arts majors and minors concentrating on Spanish, Latin American and/or Luso-Brazilian literary, cultural, and linguistic studies with language skills at the foundation. All major and minor options in this department begin with prerequisite language courses, followed by advanced language skills courses (special arrangements may be made for native speakers of Spanish). These are followed by critical analysis skills courses in Hispanic literature, culture, and linguistics that prepare students to take advanced coursework in specific areas. The major options culminate in the completion of an individual major research project through the Graduation Seminar. All major and minor courses must be taken A-F and completed with grades of C- or better. Spanish and Portuguese courses taught in English and credits earned in community tutorial programs are not acceptable for major or minor credit. Program plans are carefully structured through courses that must be taken in sequential order—contact the department adviser for more detailed information. Any deviation from course prerequisites (e.g., substitution of language courses for native speakers of Spanish or Portuguese) must be approved in advance by the director of undergraduate studies through the department advising office, 5C Folwell Hall.

The department strongly encourages majors and minors to study abroad in a Spanish or Portuguese-speaking area. Students who wish to complete department program requirements through study abroad must meet with the department adviser prior to departure. Detailed information regarding Spanish and Portuguese studies undergraduate academic issues is printed in the department Undergraduate Advising Handbook, available in the department advising office, 5C Folwell Hall.

Preparatory Coursework

Span 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004/1014 or the equivalent and an appropriate passing score on the Graduation Proficiency Test in Spanish; and Port 3001 or Port 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104 or the equivalent and a passing score on the Graduation Proficiency Test in Portuguese.

Degree Requirements

Students must complete 120 credits to graduate, including at least 35 credits in the major.

Required Courses

- Port 3003—Portuguese Conversation and Composition
- Span 3015—Spanish Composition and Communication
- Span 3021—Advanced Communication Skills or a department-approved substitute
- Span 3104—Analysis and Interpretation of Texts
- Span 3105—Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Civilizations
- Span 3107—Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Linguistics
- 12-15 additional elective credits in approved 3xxx or 5xxx literature, culture, and linguistics courses, chosen in consultation with the department adviser. (Minimum six credits each in Spanish and Portuguese studies).
Portuguese. At least 12 credits must be in courses with a 31xx prerequisite.)

- Span 3972—Graduation Seminar (see Final Project information below)

**Language Requirements**

The department emphasizes student initiative and responsibility in acquiring a high level of language proficiency that is crucial for successful completion of courses beyond Span 3021 and Port 3003. The department sponsors study abroad programs in Mexico, Venezuela, and Spain; offers a course incorporating service learning in the local Chicano-Latino community; and makes available a language tutoring lab (including conversation hours) and advanced writing center during the academic year while courses are in session. A campus residence community, Casa de Español, is dedicated to speaking Spanish.

**Final Project**

All B.A. candidates must complete a major project in Spanish or Portuguese by registering in and attending Span 3972—Graduation Seminar. Graduation seminar informational/preparatory sessions are available in the department several times a year. Clearance for seminar registration must be obtained from the department adviser.

**Minor Requirements**

Students must declare the Portuguese studies minor within the department at least one full term before completing minor requirements and are encouraged to declare it as early as possible (preferably during preparatory coursework). Contact the department advising office for declaration procedures.

**Preparatory Coursework**

Port 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104 or the equivalent and a passing score on the GPT in Portuguese.

**Required Courses**

- Port 3003—Portuguese Conversation and Composition
- Four additional 3xxx or 5xxx courses (12 credits) taught in Portuguese. All courses must be chosen in consultation with the department adviser.

Skills

Spanish-Portuguese studies majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers. These skills include:

- Verbal and written communication skills
- Strong cultural knowledge and understanding
- Ability to formulate clear and persuasive messages
- Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
- Ability to work well with diverse groups
- Sound critical analysis skills
- Adaptability to change

**Employment**

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- **Business**—marketing, human resources, sales, recruiting, international business and trade, advertising, supervising, corporate training
- **Education**—teaching, research, student affairs
- **Government**—public information, campaigns, policy, elected official
- **Social services**—social work, therapy, ESL instruction, health care
- **Nonprofit**—fundraising, programming, management
- **Law**—litigation, advocacy, lobbying
- **Journalism**—editing, publishing, writing

**How do I declare a Spanish-Portuguese studies major?**

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Read the current Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies Undergraduate Advising Handbook, to learn more about the major and its requirements. The handbook is available in print outside 34 Folwell Hall or on the internet via <http://www.folwell.umn.edu/span_port/default.html>

2. To declare a major, call or stop by the Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies office at 612-625-5858, 34 Folwell Hall to r.s.v.p. for a group declaration session. Numerous sessions are held each semester (not during breaks or summer, and individual declaration meetings are not available). The sessions take about an hour and there is ample opportunity to ask specific questions therein. You will also complete the major declaration forms and a one-year or major completion plan with the departmental adviser.

3. Bring a copy of the form to your CLA student community.

4. If you decide to change your major, or add an additional one, follow the appropriate steps to declare the new major. Be sure you are clear with your CLA advisor on whether you are dropping your original major or adding an additional one.
About the Spanish-Portuguese major:
Undergraduate Advising
5C Folwell Hall
(612) 625-5858
http://www.folwell.umn.edu/span_port/

About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:
CLA Languages and Math Student Community
114 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7540
http://langmath.cla.umn.edu
langmath@class.cla.umn.edu

or

CLA Martin Luther King, Jr. Program
19 Johnston Hall
(612) 625-2300
http://www.mlk.umn.edu/
mlk@class.cla.umn.edu

About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:
Career and Community Learning Center
135 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7577
www.cclc.umn.edu
cclc@class.cla.umn.edu

About graduation with honors:
Students interested in graduating with honors should contact:
CLA Honors Division
115 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-5522
www.cla.umn.edu/honors/
honors@class.cla.umn.edu

Remember!
You have not declared a major until you have:
• completed a Major Program Form with your major adviser
• filed a copy with the major department
• filed a copy with your CLA student community
• be sure to keep a copy for yourself