



What can I do with a major in...SPANISH

The Spanish major focuses on the development of oral proficiency and exposure to cultures of Spanish speakers in the Western Hemisphere and in Spain. Students who pursue this major are equipped to use the language as a bilingual professional in any career or ministry. The major also provides a foundation for graduate studies.

What types of work are related to this degree?

- Any job that requires a second language
- Interpreter, translator, language instructor
- Refugee or immigrant resettlement
- International business
- Community education
- Travel and tourism
- Customer service
- Banking
- Information technology
- Mentoring or helping professions
- Military positions, diplomacy or intelligence
- Missions or Foreign Service
- Hotel, restaurant or catering management

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Who employs people with this degree?

- International businesses & banks
- Embassies and consultants
- Political organizations
- Federal, state, and local governments such as customs, immigration or naturalization
- Health services agencies
- Public and private schools (non-licensure)
- Professional language schools
- Universities/study abroad programs
- Law enforcement agencies
- Hotels and resorts
- Law firms
- Non-profit/social human service agencies
- Community development programs

General Strategies for Success:

- Choose an additional academic area of study to supplement the foreign language, preferably one that requires a high degree of technical skill. Most people with foreign language ability use those skills to assist them in a different career field such as business, education, journalism, law, etc.
- Seek opportunities to interact with international students on your campus or members of your local community. Host international students, join relevant student organizations, and participate in international campus events.
- Volunteer your language skills to churches, community organizations, and programs that work with people who speak your target language.
- Participate in summer programs, co-ops, and internships to improve your skills.
- Conduct informational interviews with people in your desired field. They will have insight into the coursework, volunteer experiences, internships and other strategies that will help you achieve your goals.
- In general, international positions are competitive and difficult to obtain. Be very proactive in developing the skills and experiences international employers seek.
- Get your foot in the door in domestic positions because many international employers promote current employees into international positions.

Select Professional Associations:

- Foreign Policy Association
- National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators
- National Council on Interpreting in Health Care
- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages

- American Translators Association
- Latin American Studies Association
- Society of Hispanic Professionals
- American Literary Translators Association

This information represents possible occupations and strategies for careers with this major. As with any job or career, there may be additional qualifications or experience needed. For more information and options, make an appointment with Career Development or check out our online resources on our website or on theROCK, Career Development tab.