

# Spanish

Exciting opportunities are available at NMU for students of Spanish. While on campus, students can join the Spanish Club, All Nations Club, or take part in department-sponsored events. But why limit yourself to campus? You can study abroad in Argentina, Chile, Panama, Costa Rica, Spain, or another country in the Spanish-speaking world. Or students can study-abroad with NMU Spanish professors. Spanish majors are strongly encouraged to complete a pre-approved study, internship, or work experience in a Spanish-speaking country. Courses taken abroad can count toward the major with departmental approval.

The Bachelor's in Spanish is an interdisciplinary major that encompasses the richness of the Spanish-speaking world and offers an intellectually diverse program that includes literature, culture, politics, film, art, philosophy, and business. Spanish courses fulfill a number of General Education requirements.

Spanish is one of the most spoken languages in the world and is second only to English in the United States. Many opportunities are available for people who are bilingual in Spanish and English, both in the US and abroad.

## Skills and Competencies

The multinational tech firm Google surveyed its work force and many of the top characteristics of Google employees are skills acquired in the Spanish language, literature, and culture classrooms. Those abilities include:

1. Being a good coach, having empathy, and being supportive.
2. Communicating and listening well
3. Possessing insights into others (including others' different values and points of view).
4. Being a good critical thinker and problem solver.
5. Being able to make connections across complex ideas.

The Spanish program emphasizes aptitude in cultural diversity, communication, critical thinking, reading, and writing, thus providing students with marketable and practical skills regardless of their career path. Students learn to gauge nuanced cultural differences and to communicate effectively with people of different backgrounds, making them ready to navigate today's diverse professional environment. Students develop critical thinking, leading them to approach difficult and abstract challenges with creativity and confidence. While studying Spanish language, literatures, and cultures, students learn about international customs, attitudes, politics, history, world views, and artistic contributions of Spanish-speaking peoples around the globe.

## Course Work

This degree includes the following courses as part of the program requirements, and specific major requirements along with general education and graduation requirements.

### Core

SN301	Advanced Spanish I (4 cr.)
SN302	Advanced Spanish II (4 cr.)
SN315	Intro to Literacy Study in Spanish (4 cr.) <i>Spanish Electives 300 or 400 level (20 cr.)</i>
LG499	Grad Assessment for Language Majors

A minor is not required but is highly recommended (20 cr.)

*Detailed course descriptions can be found at [www.nmu.edu/bulletin](http://www.nmu.edu/bulletin).*

## Career Development

You should begin the resume-building process as soon as you can. The Academic and Career Advisement Center can assist you with career planning, while Career Services will help you fine tune your resume and cover letter. In the meantime, we highly recommend that you study abroad. A professionally-related internship, membership in the Spanish Club (and/or serving as an officer of the club), and work as a Spanish tutor in the Language Resource Center are ways to develop your skills, gain experience, and enhance your resume. Your academic course work is important as well, so be sure to maintain a high grade point average.

## Additional Considerations

Many Spanish majors also have a second major. Some popular major pairings include Biology and Environmental Studies (especially for students who wish to complete field work in Central or South America), English (especially for students interested in graduate school or who want to study literature in the original language), and international studies (especially for students who plan to study abroad in a Spanish-speaking country), just to name a few.

Students are encouraged to study abroad, to develop strong writing and thinking skills, and to become versed in computer skills as well.

Many graduate programs require language competency beyond English, and Spanish is a good major from which to pursue graduate studies.

## Job Outlook

Jobs in need of skills and competencies that are acquired while studying Spanish are varied both in terms of specialty and salary. Examples of potential careers are listed on this brochure.

# Potential Careers

NMU's Spanish Program prepares students for employment in the following careers:

- Lawyer and Immigration Specialist
- International Business
- Translator or Interpreter
- Healthcare Professional
- Spanish Language Teacher
- Customer Support
- Journalism and Writing
- Flight Attendant and Pilot
- Educational Content Creation
- Government
- Criminal Justice
- Social Work
- Military
- Non-governmental Organizations
- International Finance and Personal Banking
- Sales
- Tourism and Hospitality Management

# Additional Resources and Information

For Career Planning and Opportunities:  
Academic & Career Advisement Center  
3302.1 C.B. Hedgcock  
906-227-2971  
[www.nmu.edu/acac](http://www.nmu.edu/acac)

Languages, Literatures & International Studies  
145 Whitman  
906-227-2940  
[www.nmu.edu/languages](http://www.nmu.edu/languages)

For Job Search, Resume and Career Information:  
Career Services  
3302.3 C.B. Hedgcock  
906-227-2800  
[www.nmu.edu/careers](http://www.nmu.edu/careers)

For Information about NMU Student Organizations Associated with this Major Contact:  
Center for Student Enrichment  
1206 University Center  
906-227-2439  
[www.nmu.edu/cse](http://www.nmu.edu/cse)

Spanish Club  
[nmuspanishclub@gmail.com](mailto:nmuspanishclub@gmail.com)

Internet Resource Links:  
[www.careers.org](http://www.careers.org)  
[www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)

For Career Information with National Organizations:

[www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org) -Modern Language Association  
[www.aifs.org](http://www.aifs.org) -American Institute for Foreign Study  
[www.actfl.org](http://www.actfl.org) -American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages  
[www.aatsp.org](http://www.aatsp.org) -American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese  
[www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov) -U.S. Department of State



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