

Bachelor of Arts in Spanish







ABOUT THE B.A. IN SPANISH

Knowledge of a foreign language is not only part of the foundation for a comprehensive liberal arts education; it is a career advantage, too. Over 500 million people in the world speak Spanish, making Spanish language skills a key asset in today's global marketplace.

In the B.A. Spanish program at St. John's University, you will acquire the oral and written skills necessary to communicate effectively in Spanish. You will also gain an understanding of the diverse traditions within the Spanish-speaking world by studying major authors and literary movements in their social and historical context. All students are encouraged to participate in study abroad opportunities in Argentina and Spain and to take advantage of internships available abroad and through local institutions.

As a Spanish major, you may opt for a combined B.A./M.A. program in Spanish or Business Administration. In this program, you will have the opportunity to complete your undergraduate and graduate degrees within five years.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A B.A. IN SPANISH?

A wide variety of career fields in the private and public sectors seek candidates with Spanish language skills, including:

- Business
- Education
- Translation and interpretation
- Finance
- Medicine and health care
- Communications and media
- Social work
- Nonprofit organizations

As a student at St. John's, you will have the option of combining your Spanish degree with other undergraduate and graduate disciplines through our double majors, minors, and combined degree programs. You may wish to combine your B.A. in Spanish with interdisciplinary study in education, business administration, international communications, or library and information science.



PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The B.A. in Spanish allows you to acquire the knowledge and develop the critical thinking and cross-cultural understanding that will prepare you for today's multicultural marketplace. Learning Spanish also leads to a deeper understanding of those who speak the language in the United States and abroad, thus enhancing global awareness and fostering the capacity to respond to the social, ethical, and economic needs of an ever-more-connected world. This gives our graduates an edge with potential employers and has made them successful in different fields. Many of our students also go on to graduate school and obtain advanced degrees in Spanish.

The metropolitan character of St. John's University is part of its appeal. New York City itself, with its abundance of cultural resources, becomes the perfect teaching tool. Some of the city's multiple Hispanic cultural institutions become part of our syllabi, to the benefit of our students. Our faculty is made up of highly motivated scholars, most of whom have had training abroad as well as in the United States. They take pride in the individual attention that our majors and minors receive. You can learn Spanish in and outside the classroom, here and abroad, and acquire the skills necessary to navigate the global society.

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RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The study of literature requires critical analysis of texts, and writing is an integral part of our program. You will learn to locate and communicate information as well as how to select appropriate sources for your research. While learning about Spanish culture, you will be required to think critically about unfamiliar situations, reflect on moral issues, and express your thoughts in a logical, coherent manner—habits that will prepare you for any multicultural environment.

The Spanish program takes pride in a faculty that understands the specific needs of its students and fosters a dynamic professor-student relationship. Our faculty members will advise you about the many varied opportunities available to you in the New York metropolitan area and abroad.

Study abroad offers you a total immersion experience in which to improve your language skills and acquire cultural competency. We offer a full semester program in Seville, Spain, and summer programs in Cadiz, Spain, and Buenos Aires, Argentina. For more information, please visit **stjohns.edu/global**.

Especially motivated students are encouraged to apply for admission to the accelerated combined degree programs in Spanish or Spanish and Business Administration. Those who qualify can complete the B.A. and the M.A. or M.B.A. in five years. For more information about our combined degree program offerings, please visit **stjohns.edu/liberalarts/combined**.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

St. John's University strives to place an outstanding higher education within the financial reach of all qualified applicants. Each academic year, the Office of Student Financial Services awards more than \$500 million in aid to students who demonstrate financial need. The Office of Undergraduate Admission also awards highly competitive academic scholarships.

For more information about scholarships and financial aid, please visit **stjohns.edu/services/financial**.