

SPANISH, B.S.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Program Description

This major encourages students to prepare for careers in which fluency in Spanish can be combined with training in other academic disciplines.

Applied Spanish Option

This option is designed to develop basic skills in Spanish (speaking, understanding, reading, writing) and to provide Spanish majors with concentration in a professional area where a command of Spanish can be particularly relevant and useful. Students are eligible to participate in the University's Education Abroad Programs.

Business Option

This option is designed to develop basic skills in Spanish (speaking, understanding, reading, writing) and to acquaint students with a number of fields essential to business, especially in the international area. Courses in translation techniques, Spanish civilization, and Ibero-American civilization are an integral part of the option. Students are eligible to participate in the University's Education Abroad Programs.

What is Spanish?

Spanish is the native language of nearly 500 million people, making it the second-most widely spoken language in the world. It is an official language in 21 countries, each with a rich history and culture that are reflected in the grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation of this one language in its many dialectal variations. It is one of the six official languages of the United Nations, and is the second most spoken language in the United States, which currently ranks as the third largest Spanish-speaking country in the world (after Mexico and Colombia).

You Might Like This Program If...

- You are passionate about Spanish and eager to use it professionally.
- You understand that proficiency in Spanish opens a lot of doors.
- You love to travel.
- You want to make your passion for the Spanish language and culture work for you, and for your future employer.
- You look forward to serving the Spanish-speaking community in the United States as a bilingual professional.