

Luso-Hispanic Studies

Learning Goals

1. To effectively communicate in Spanish, both orally and in writing, in the three areas of interpersonal communication, interpretative communication, and presentational communication.
2. To demonstrate understanding of spoken Spanish in a variety of registers and through different means of presentation.
3. To be familiar with major works, genres, theoretical concepts, and historical periods in the broad spectrum of Spanish and Latin American literatures and cultural production.
4. To have command of the appropriate research tools and techniques for critical analysis of Hispanic cultures, achieved through the study, in Spanish, of such topics as literature, linguistics, cinema, history, the arts, or the social sciences.
5. To distinguish among dialects, social contexts, and historical periods in Spain and Latin America.

About the major

This department offers a carefully designed curriculum centered around two specific goals: 1) to use the most current and effective methods of language instruction in order to help students acquire an expert proficiency in both spoken and written Spanish and/or Portuguese; and 2) to employ its diverse faculty's experience and research in familiarizing students with the major currents of Lusophone and Hispanic literature, arts, philosophical thought, linguistics, and culture. Although focused on Spanish and Portuguese language and cultures, the program is also open to the study of the translated experiences of ethnicities within and in dialogue with Lusophone and Hispanic nation states as well as to the development of diasporic Portuguese- and Spanish-speaking communities around the world.

In addition to classroom instruction, students have the opportunity to acquire authentic linguistic and cultural experience through one of our various study abroad programs. As juniors, most students go to the Middlebury School Abroad in Spain (sites in Córdoba, Getafe, Logroño, Madrid), or one of the Schools Abroad in Latin America (Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Uruguay, Brazil), or to another approved program in Latin America, Europe, or Africa, where they are able to put their linguistic and cultural skills to practical use.

“The language component of the major equipped me to cover Latin America in a far more thorough way than I could have otherwise without Spanish and Portuguese.”

—Joseph Palombo '04
*Foreign Service Officer,
U.S. Department of State*

Reasons you might choose this major

- You are interested in learning one of the world's most-widely spoken native languages, second only to Mandarin Chinese.
- You would like a competitive edge for business, education, health care, or any number of other industries where the need for Spanish speakers continues to grow.
- You want to immerse yourself in the cultures of some of the most beloved icons in the world—from Don Quixote de la Mancha, to *Guernica*, to Messi.



Translating Learning into Professional Competencies

Throughout your time at Middlebury, you will develop and enhance the following core professional competencies, skills, and dispositions highly valued by employers that will prepare you for leadership and success in any given field:

Critical Thinking: Exercise sound reasoning to analyze issues, make decisions, and overcome problems.

Oral/Written Communications: Articulate thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively in written and oral forms.

Teamwork/Collaboration: Build collaborative relationships with colleagues and customers from diverse backgrounds.

Leadership: Leverage the strengths of others to achieve common goals, and use interpersonal skills to coach and develop others.

Professionalism/Work Ethic: Demonstrate personal accountability and effective work habits.

Global/Intercultural Fluency: Value, respect, and learn from diverse cultures, races, ages, genders, sexual orientations, and religions.

Digital Technology: Leverage existing digital technologies ethically and efficiently to solve problems, complete tasks, and accomplish goals.

Career Management: Identify and articulate one's skills, strengths, knowledge, and experiences relevant to career goals, and identify areas necessary for professional development.

Where Luso-Hispanic Studies majors go

Applying your learning through internships . . .

Students pursue internships and research in a variety of fields, enabling them to apply their liberal arts learning in real-world settings. Internships, research, and self-directed projects enrich your academic experience and help prepare you for life after Middlebury. Students have interned or done research at the following:

U.S. Embassy in Mexico City	The James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies
Casa de los Amigos	The Legal Aid Society
Institute Per	Middlebury FoodWorks
UNLV Radiochemistry	Focus Advisory Services LLC
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Washington Office on Latin America
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	La Union
The Foundation Center	Viacom Media Networks
U.S. Department of Education	Centro de Salud Familiar (CESFAM)
Casa Latina	The Smithsonian Institution
Southern California Public Radio	UN World Food Program
Inter-American Development Bank	Department of Homeland Security
State Street Media	Consortium on Gender, Security, and Human Rights
Hospital Sanitas La Moraleja	Undergraduate Summer Research at Middlebury
City Hall of New York City	La Raza Centro Legal
Fundación Europea Sociedad y Educación	
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom	

. . . leading to meaningful, dynamic, and engaging career paths.

See just some of the many interesting ways our graduates have applied their liberal arts learning to engage the world. If you want to see what other Middlebury alumni are doing now, log into Midd2Midd and search by major. [go/midd2midd](#)

Embassy of Spain, <i>Translator</i>	<i>Officer-Europe/South Central Europe</i>
Converse Inc., <i>Latin American Business Development Manager</i>	<i>The World Bank, Sr. Country Officer- Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru & Venezuela</i>
Staples, <i>VP, Business Ethics</i>	<i>CNN, Correspondent</i>
Cobb County Schools, <i>ESOL/Foreign Languages Programs Specialist</i>	<i>Inter-American Foundation, Foundation Representative-Honduras</i>
New York Mets, <i>Vice President, Metropolitan Hospitality</i>	<i>Universidad de San Andres, Director/Foreign Studies Office</i>
Google, <i>Sr. Associate/Global Communications and Public Affairs</i>	<i>Lion Tree, President European Operations</i>
ESSEC Business School, <i>Coordinator for International Partnerships</i>	<i>Waters International Enterprises, CEO</i>
Revel Creative Group/Latina Creative Agency, <i>Cofounder & Creative Director</i>	<i>JPMorgan Chase & Co., Sr. Vice President & Multicultural Segments Director</i>
U.S. State Department, <i>Foreign Service</i>	<i>Inter-American Foundation, Foundation Representative-Honduras</i>
	<i>Septodont, Director of Sales-Latin America</i>