Major and Minor Programs

The B.A. in Spanish involves a thorough study of language, literature, and civilization. Students can also choose to major in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, an interdisciplinary program that will prepare them to pursue their postgraduate interests in international organizations, education, business, government, journalism, and communication. Students may also choose to combine their degrees in Spanish with international business or economics to prepare for the global economy. Further still, for those students wishing to pursue a career as a foreign language teacher at the secondary level, our department offers initial and professional licensure in Spanish.

### Requirements

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### Latin American & Caribbean Studies

**Major**

- Prerequisite: Demonstrated proficiency in Spanish, Portuguese, or French.
- Required courses:
  - EC 141, GVT 281, HST 276, SPAN 302, SOC 228
- Electives: Five additional courses from a range of options, at least two of which must constitute a concentration in a single discipline or an interdisciplinary field.

**Minor**

- Prerequisite: Demonstrated proficiency in Spanish, Portuguese, or French.
- Required courses:
  - EC 141, GVT 281, HST 276, SPAN 302, SOC 228
- Electives: Five additional courses from a range of options, at least two of which must constitute a concentration in a single discipline or an interdisciplinary field.

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Spanish is spoken by approximately 500 million people worldwide and is the primary language of discourse in 21 countries. It is an official language of the U.N. and the third most commonly used language on the internet. Around half of the population in the Western Hemisphere speaks Spanish. It is also the most popular studied language in the U.S. and Canada. At present there are approximately 40 million Hispanics in the U.S., representing about fourteen percent of the total population who declare Spanish as their first language.

Spain is now the world's ninth most powerful economy and it is ranked as the tenth most popular destination for investment. The countries of Latin America are becoming important global commercial partners. The creation of MERCOSUR, NAFTA, and many other free trade agreements between North, Central, and South America continue to create new opportunities for commerce and communication.

Spanish, Latin American, and Caribbean cultural contributions also have had far-reaching influence throughout the world. From Spain's Golden Age of Literature to current politics, economics, and culture, students at Suffolk will encounter a diversity of voices in the Spanish-speaking world.

Spanish and Latin American & Caribbean Studies

Un idioma, una diversidad de voces.

Spanish activities

Weekly Tertulias are a tradition of the program. They are peer-organized conversation sessions which give students the option to use Spanish with native speakers in a friendly and relaxing atmosphere. Students can also explore the language and culture on their own by viewing our impressive collection of Spanish, Latin American, and Latino films and documentaries, or they can write for Entérate, the online news magazine.

Study Abroad

Indispensable to students enrolled in the Spanish program are opportunities to live abroad for a semester, or a year. Students may choose to study at Suffolk's Madrid Campus or they can explore other study abroad options in Latin America and the Caribbean with programs that are affiliated with the University.

More Information

For more information, visit the World Languages and Cultural Studies website http://www.suffolk.edu/college/2166.html

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