What you can do with your SPANISH & PORTUGUESE MAJOR



Major Skills:



Written & Spoken Communication

You read, listen to, and comprehend Spanish or Portuguese and express thoughts and ideas through written and oral communication.



Cultural Competence

You develop a global perspective through awareness of and sensitivity to practices, products, and perspectives of other cultures along with your own while recognizing historical, social, and political contexts and the ethics of a diverse society..



Creative Thinking

You generate original ideas, experiment and take risks, solve problems, and use a wide variety of media to communicate.



Critical Reading & Analytical Thinking

You read and analyze texts and other forms of artistic and cultural creation, recognize and apply patterns in language use, assess evidence, and recognize the possible implications of texts for various contexts, perspectives, and issues.



Teamwork

You build and maintain collaborative relationships across diverse cultures to work effectively toward common goals, while appreciating differing viewpoints and shared responsibilities.



Professionalism & Work Ethic

You apply principles of ethical and professional conduct, demonstrate personal accountability and effective work habits, understand the impact of non-verbal communication, and act responsibly with the interests of the larger community in mind.

Supplement Your Skills With:



International Study, Internships & Language Conversation Tables



Internships, Part-Time Work & Community Involvement



Data Analysis & Interpretation



Experience Fostering Equity & Inclusion

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Career & Self-Development

Chart Your Path Forward

Activate Your Handshake Account

for connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking.

Explore Career Communities

to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your major into success.

Get Career & Internship Advising

from SuccessWorks to make a plan, whether you're a first-year student or about to graduate.

Get Started: successworks.wisc.edu

Put your Spanish & Portuguese major to WORK

Frequent Job Titles of Alumni:

- 1. Spanish Teacher/Instructor
- 2. Attorney
- 3. Chief Executive Officer
- 4. Director/Executive Director
- 5. Account Executive
- 6. Business Owner/Founder
- 7. Consultant
- 8. Marketing Manager

- 9. Registered Nurse
- 10. Account/Product Manager
- 11. English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher
- 12. Human Resources Manager
- 13. Physician Assistant
- 14. Manager/District Manager
- 15. Professor



- Aurora Health Care
- Centro Hispano of Dane County

Frequent Employers of Alumni:

- Chicago Public Schools
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
- City of Madison
- Cuna Mutual Group
 - Dean Health Plan Inc.
 - Epic
 - Exact Sciences
 - Google
 - Humana

- Kaiser Permanente
- Madison Area Technical College
- Medical College of Wisconsin
- Madison Metropolitan School District
- Milwaukee Public Schools
- Minneapolis Public Schools
- Mayo Clinic
- SSM Health
- UW Health

Post-Graduation Plans 2016-2021:

61% Employment

- 32% Continuing Education, Graduate School
- 7% Volunteer/Service Program

Recent Grads' Industry of Employment 2016-2021:

- 1. Healthcare
- 2. Information Technology 8. Hospitality
- 3. Government
- 4 Finance
- 5. Non-Profit
- 6. Education

- 7. Life Sciences
- 9. Retail
- 10. Insurance
- 11. Marketing



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13%	Illinois

7%	Minnesot	õ

- 6% California
- Colorado 5%
- 30% Other



"My Portuguese degree has given me many skills throughout my career: Analysis. Reading. Writing. Editing. Revising. Research. Cross-cultural competence. My language skills have been a throughline in my career — Opening up, expanding, and deepening opportunities on too many occasions to count."

Jenny Pilling, 1990

Global Talent Management Consultant, JKP Global Talent Madison, WI



"Studying Spanish at UW not only empowered me to get out of my comfort zone, but also equipped me with important interpersonal communication skills and the ability to empathize with the students I work with from all around the world."

Ann Chapman, 2016

Spanish and English as a Foreign Language Teacher, Self-Employed Cambridge, England, UK

Career Communities for Spanish & Portuguese Majors

SuccessWorks has eight Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Spanish & Portuguese majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit SuccessWorks to explore more widely.

- Nonprofit Management & Education
- Government, Policy, International Affairs, & Law
- Communications, Entertainment & the Arts •
- Consulting, Finance, Management & Client Relations

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- 12. Human Resources