



# What Can I Do With a Major in... Spanish

If you speak Spanish you can communicate with almost 500 million people worldwide. Imagine how many friends you could make, think about how many more employment opportunities that could give you! If you're traveling in Latin America or Spain, a little knowledge of Spanish will go a long way and of course, if you're planning to retire or relocate in a Spanish speaking country, Spanish is a must in order to get the most out of your new life. Recent surveys indicate that more than 80 agencies of the federal government rely on professionals with intermediate to high-level competence in foreign languages. Foreign language study provides the ability to gain an understanding of the cultures of US trading partners. American multinational corporations and nongovernmental organizations need people with foreign language abilities. U.S. ability to compete effectively in global markets means that more and more businesses deal with companies in other countries. They need employees who can communicate in foreign languages and understand other cultures. An employer will see you as a bridge to new clients if you know their language.

## Potential Employers

- ❖ Law Firms
- ❖ Courthouses
- ❖ Colleges/Universities
- ❖ City Halls/Government
- ❖ Department of Public Works
- ❖ Public Safety
- ❖ K-12 Schools/Tutoring Services
- ❖ Customer Service
- ❖ Social Service/Retail
- ❖ International Relations
- ❖ Adult Education Centers
- ❖ Foreign Agencies
- ❖ Arts, Media, Entertainment
- ❖ Law Enforcement/FBI
- ❖ Mass Media
- ❖ Banks/Travel and Tourism

## Possible Job Title

- ❖ Foreign Exchange Trader
- ❖ Foreign Service Officer
- ❖ Auditor
- ❖ Library Technician
- ❖ Interpreter
- ❖ Reporter
- ❖ Telecommunications Sales
- ❖ Teacher
- ❖ Salesperson
- ❖ Publishing Specialist
- ❖ Human Resources Director
- ❖ FBI Agent

- ❖ Scientific Linguist
- ❖ Quality Control Supervisor
- ❖ Proofreader
- ❖ Police Officer
- ❖ Politician
- ❖ International Consultant
- ❖ Intelligence Specialist
- ❖ International Trade Specialist
- ❖ Peace Corps Volunteer
- ❖ Travel Agent
- ❖ Tour Organizer
- ❖ Bilingual Educator

- ❖ Customs/Immigration Officer
- ❖ Court Interpreter
- ❖ Overseas Plant Manager
- ❖ Human Resources Director
- ❖ Importer/Exporter
- ❖ Foreign Social Worker
- ❖ Foreign Diplomat
- ❖ Museum Curator
- ❖ Linguist
- ❖ Media Specialist
- ❖ Negotiator
- ❖ National Security Agent
- ❖ Missionary

## How This Major Helps You Move Forward:

### Skills Learned in this Major:

- ❖ Communications Skills
- ❖ Interpersonal Communications
- ❖ Listening Skills/Critical /Thinking
- ❖ Interpretation Skills
- ❖ Research And Writing Skills
- ❖ Inter-racial Communication
- ❖ Understanding Cultural Diversity

### Additional Information can be found at:

[www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)  
[www.salary.com](http://www.salary.com)  
[www.uncw.edu/career/WhatCanIDoWithaMajorIn.html](http://www.uncw.edu/career/WhatCanIDoWithaMajorIn.html) [www.cacareerzone.org](http://www.cacareerzone.org)  
[www.lamission.edu/careercenter](http://www.lamission.edu/careercenter)

### CSU/UC Related Transfer Majors:

- ❖ **CSUN:** Spanish BA (Options: Language and Culture, Literature, Translation and Interpretation, Hispanic Linguistics)
- ❖ **CSU Dominguez Hills:** Spanish BA (with options in Literature, Linguistics)
- ❖ **UCLA:** Spanish and Linguistics BA
- ❖ **UCSB:** Spanish BA
- ❖ **CSPU Pomona:** Spanish BA
- ❖ ... and more!

Go to [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) to see universities that offer these majors

### CSU/UC Graduate Degree Options:

- ❖ CSUN: Spanish MA
- ❖ CSU Long Beach: Spanish MA
- ❖ UCLA: Spanish MA
- ❖ UCR: Spanish MA/Ph.D.

This is **general information**. For specific information on majors and careers please see Counselor in the Career Center – Claudia Ramirez (818)833-3403 ; [careercenter@lamission.edu](mailto:careercenter@lamission.edu)