

5 Build Community

While pursuing a Spanish degree at Eastern, you will be in class and engaged in academic projects with a diverse group of students that define the World Languages & Cultures Department.

Although the Department is small (class sizes are often in the single digits or teens), a significant portion of our majors and minors identify as Hispanic or Latino/a/x, creating a close-knit community, a community of learners that can help reinforce and validate your home language and culture.

"Being literate in more than one language will open many doors in the future."

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¿Hablas español?

- Top 5 Reasons
- Why Studying Spanish Is
- Beneficial For
- Spanish Speakers
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1 Develop Language Skills

Studying Spanish in an academic setting in the same way that native English-speakers study English can help polish oral and written language skills.

The academic setting can increase your command of grammatical structures, advanced vocabulary and professional communication skills, giving you depth and flexibility in your speaking and writing.

Through writing activities and stirring readings, Spanish classes help develop skills of biliteracy, a mark of true fluency.

2 Make Cultural Connections

Through the Spanish program's rigorous course work, students can explore Hispanic cultures.

From Social Media and films to literature, history and geography, by studying Spanish at Eastern you can broaden and deepen your cultural knowledge and connection.

3 Enhance Employability

Spanish is currently the second-most widely spoken language in the United States, and the population of Spanish speakers is only expected to grow. To meet the demands of this multilingual marketplace, companies and organizations are eager to hire bilingual-biliterate individuals.

Countless studies have shown a doubling of job posting requiring bilingual skills in recent years and those numbers are expected to continue to rise in coming years. Some areas of the economy are particularly in need of Spanish-English bilinguals: international business, banking, social work, government, and healthcare.

While speaking Spanish at home is incredibly valuable and notable, earning a degree in Spanish confers the credibility and fluency assessment that many employers are looking for.

A Spanish degree stands-out on a resume!



4 Enjoy Academic Success

With background knowledge in Spanish, you can quickly and efficiently earn college credit toward a Spanish degree. Your familiarity with the language is likely to help you participate and complete your coursework successfully.

A Spanish major has some of the fewest requirements of all majors at Eastern (only 33 credits!), making it easier to pursue a double major.

Moreover, you can take the College Level Exam Program (CLEP) and earn up to 12 credits with a simple test. These credits can put you well on your way to earning a 15-credit Spanish minor or 33-credit double major, and at a fraction of the cost of regular credit hours.

Spanish-English bilinguals earn significantly more than English-only workers.

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