This major allows students to acquire an active command of written and spoken Spanish, with a knowledge of historical and contemporary issues in the Spanish-speaking world. It is designed to complement programs such as Film Studies, English, History, Management, Music, and Education. Spanish majors must study in Spain or Latin America through our exchange programs or through other approved programs. Students planning to study abroad must consult with the Global Education Office and Spanish faculty before departure to arrange for program approval and transfer of credit and detailed study away requirements. Students must meet with Modern Language faculty for pre-approval and additional proficiency requirements. Students seeking teacher certification in French or Spanish must also take the Oral Proficiency Interview and attain a score of "Intermediate High" or higher and pass the Praxis II to receive teacher certification.

New students who have had no prior Spanish should register for IHSP-101 Elementary Spanish I. Students with one or two years of successful high school study or one college semester should register for IHSP-102 Elementary Spanish II. Students must consult Spanish faculty to find the most appropriate level.