### The Department of

# Spanish Studies

## Spanish Studies Minor

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#### **About**

Spanish is the language that the majority of students in the United States (and in Villanova) chooses to study at the present time for very good reasons: It is the second major language spoken in the world (after Mandarin) and it is the second language spoken in the United States. Therefore it will be very useful and advantageous to know Spanish in any career path that students may choose. Approximately 800 students take Spanish undergraduate courses every semester at Villanova. Students are encouraged to spend summers and semesters abroad in Spain and Central and South America, to obtain a greater proficiency in the language.

## MINOR: Spanish Studies (12 credits)

The department encourages students to obtain a minor in Spanish if their schedule does not permit them to complete a major. To do so, students may fill-out a form, which can be obtained on MyNova under 'OUS Forms'. At the time of graduation and upon completion of the minor requirements, students will be issued a Minor certificate and the minor will appear on their transcript

#### Program Notes:

- Students are required to take four Spanish courses (12 credits) above the Intermediate level (1122), including one Upper-Level Spanish course (3000 or above).
  - SPA 1131 and 1132 (Conversation and Composition I & II) are prerequisites for many of the courses required for the minor (for those students who do not place above them) and, if taken, would could towards the required courses for the Minor.
- Courses that fulfill minor requirements may be used to fulfill other requirements (i.e., primary major, core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives).
- Of the four required courses, one must be at the 3000 level and taken at Villanova, or at a Villanova study abroad program: the Villanova summer program in Cádiz (Spain) or the Spanish Language and Indigenous Sustainability program in Merida (Yucatan, Mexico).
- Courses taught in English do not count for the minor.