

Languages and Linguistics



Today's workplaces and communities are increasingly diverse spaces. Being able to navigate them successfully means being able to communicate appropriately and effectively in a second language. Second language proficiency not only provides career advantages, but also leads to a deeper understanding of cultural differences and empathy for others. The Department of Languages and Linguistics provides students with the second language proficiency and cultural awareness that are essential to success in an integrated global community.

THE UNIVERSITY
OF TAMPA

Bachelor of Arts in Spanish

Minor in Spanish

Minor in French

Minor in Latin American Studies

**Certificate of Intercultural
Engagement**

What Will You Learn?

The Department of Languages and Linguistics supports students in developing proficiency in one or more foreign languages and the ability to interact successfully with members of other cultures both domestically and abroad. Through a wide array of course offerings, students practice conversation and composition and study linguistics, phonetics, literature, civilization and culture. Acquiring foreign language skills provides graduates a distinct advantage in the workplace and in graduate school.

The **B.A. in Spanish** is designed to provide Majors with a deep understanding of the language, history and culture of Spain and Latin America. Graduates are well positioned to pursue graduate or professional studies and a wide variety of career opportunities. Spanish majors are required to complete a proficiency test upon entry to and exit from the program to assess their listening, speaking, reading and writing progression. They are encouraged to complete courses in a second foreign language and to participate in a study abroad experience.

The department also offers a **Minor in Spanish**, **Minor in French**, a **Certificate of Intercultural Engagement**, as well as courses in **Italian**, **German**, **Chinese**, **Japanese** and **American Sign Language**.

The **Minor in Applied Linguistics** provides students with interdisciplinary opportunities to study a wide range of practical and theoretical applications of language studies, which includes second and foreign language teaching and learning as well as TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages).

The department also contributes key courses to the **Minor in Asian Studies** and the **Minor in Latin American Studies**, which introduce students to the history, culture, politics and economics of these regions and help prepare them for careers in government, business, NGOs and academia.

Sample Courses

Spanish Culture and Civilization

Latin American Literature

The Structure of Modern Spanish

Hispanic Women Writers

French Pop Culture

Diplomatic French

Commercial Spanish

Literature of the Francophonie

Hispanic Cinema

Introduction to Sociolinguistics

Second-Language Acquisition

ESOL Foundations

FACULTY highlights



Lola Hidalgo-Calle
**Professor of Spanish, Languages
and Linguistics**

Lola Hidalgo-Calle teaches Spanish language, culture and literature. Her research interests are in 20th-century peninsular Spanish literature, Spanish poetry, Latin American literature, foreign language teaching and Spanish culture. Her latest book features interviews with women poets from Spain and the English translation of several of their poems.



James Aubry
**Associate Professor of French,
Languages and Linguistics**

James Aubry specializes in the study of factors affecting motivation in the foreign language classroom. His other academic interests include distance learning, Computer Assisted Language Learning and contemporary Francophone literature. He regularly presents the results of his research at national conferences.



State-of-the-art facilities. UT's Language Learning Center features two spacious, collaborative language labs designed to help students improve their skills. The center is used for class, tutoring and individual work, and offers an array of instructional technology and foreign-language media.

Student Organizations

Studying abroad is strongly recommended for students during their junior or senior year. Students can earn academic credits while studying a language abroad. Department-led opportunities for study abroad have included faculty-led programs to Argentina, Costa Rica, Cuba, France, Italy, Peru, and Spain.

Students have access to 1,000 education abroad opportunities in 60 countries. Semester and yearlong programs are available. UT's study abroad programs are coordinated by the Office of International Programs. Education abroad advisors are available to assist students.

Advising is also available for students interested in Fulbright Fellowships and other national grants for study abroad. To learn more, visit ut.edu/educationabroad.



Did You Know?

Sixty to seventy-five percent of the world's population speaks more than one language.

What Can You Do With These Degrees?

By virtue of their cultural content and communicative focus, foreign language courses broaden career possibilities and are especially beneficial for students interested in graduate school or employment in an increasingly global economy. The Department of Languages and Linguistics encourages combining language study with coursework in other disciplines. A bachelor's degree or a minor in Spanish as well as a minor in French prepares students for a wide range of careers, including:

- Diplomacy
- Education
- Government
- International business
- Journalism
- Law
- Translation and interpretation
- Travel and tourism

The ability to speak and write a second language is also a highly valued asset for employment in the fields of social service, medicine, criminal justice, human resources, advertising and public relations and many other professions and is the foundation of a well-rounded liberal arts education.

Jonathan Marcantoni '09

B.A. in Spanish and history
co-founder and managing editor in chief,
Aignos Publishing, Inc.
San Antonio, TX
published author and playwright, established
Flamboyán Productions in Colorado.

"The reading materials and professors I encountered at The University of Tampa continue to have an effect on me, several years after graduation. At UT, I not only became acquainted with great authors and historical events, but learned to view the world through a Latin American and Spanish lens. Every day I use the linguistic and critical thinking skills I learned, in interactions with overseas publishers and authors, and even in my current city of San Antonio. When I meet other Spanish speakers, I find myself referring to subjects, ideas and books first introduced to me at UT."



alumni profiles

Alejandra Cancel '23

BA in Spanish, working on MA in Spanish, USF

Michael Bornreger '22

B.A. in Spanish, working on MA in Spanish, USF

Ashley Counahan '20

BA in Spanish, MA in Foreign Language Education, USF

Calvin Berger '20

BA in Spanish, MA in Literature, Middlebury, Member Experience Specialist with Orlando City SC.

Anne Merrill '19

BA in Spanish, MA in Philosophy, UT Knoxville, Writer and Researcher for Olive's Wordsmith in Austin, TX

Ryan Benger '16

BA in Spanish, Senior Associate, AMGEN



UT students and faculty studied Cuba's culture and history during a recent travel course.

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Alysha Assaf '21

Double major in Spanish and elementary education; minor in applied linguistics; certificate in international studies and TESOL

Activities: Honors Program, resident assistant, PEACE Volunteer Center, Alpha Chi Omega sorority, Phi Kappa Phi honor society

Hometown: Atkinson, NH

"With an ever-growing international market, having a degree in another language makes you culturally competent and ready for any career field. Spanish is a good double major because it increases your job opportunities, and you can still pursue other academic interests at UT. Through my Spanish classes, I've been able to form strong relationships with my professors. I worked closely with Spanish and Portuguese professor Andrew DeMil to research second language acquisition, and as my senior capstone, my research will be published in scholarly journals."

Student Organizations

There are numerous internationally oriented student organizations that provide language students with the ability to engage with other cultures and put their newly acquired knowledge and abilities to use.

Students of Spanish are invited to join HOLA (Hispanic Organization for Latino Awareness), which organizes a wide range of cultural events throughout the year. Students interested in French can join the French Club, and students of Italian are encouraged to join the Italian club.

Other internationally oriented student organizations that may be of special interest to language students are:

- Sigma Delta Pi (National Spanish Honor Society)
- Caribbean Student Association
- International Student Organization

- Asian Student Association
- Asian Media Club
- Diversity Fellowship
- World Dance Association
- UT Saudi Club
- United Nations Student Alliance
- Urban Latin Dance Club
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund
- Association of Latino Professionals

Honors Program

Eligible students are invited to participate in UT's Honors Program. The Honors Program fosters a close-knit atmosphere among the most inquisitive, intellectually spirited and enterprising students. Innovative courses and one-on-one tutorials promote learning in ways that go beyond the classroom and regular coursework. The program also sponsors community service projects and travel courses.



About UT

The University of Tampa is a medium-sized, private university offering more than 200 undergraduate and graduate programs of study. Richly diverse, UT is the school of choice for approximately 10,800 students from all 50 states and most of the world's countries.

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