



COLLEGE OF ARTS + SCIENCES

# Languages & Cultures

with a Concentration  
in Spanish



**S**ometimes when opportunity calls, it speaks another language. And Spanish is not a “foreign” language any more. When you meet someone, knowing another language gives you an additional opportunity to connect. The goal at the heart of our program is to appreciate other languages, literatures, and cultures. Our university’s namesake was born in Spain—St. Ignatius Loyola, or “Iggy” as our students affectionately call him. Following the Jesuit tradition he established, we know that learning other languages is an indispensable part of individual development. Here at Loyola, we’ll teach you to use language to connect with others.

## This is the place.

In the late 18th century, Spain controlled the colony of New Orleans for 40 years, and its influence is still apparent. Take a walk through the French Quarter, and you’ll see plaques highlighting the streets’ Spanish names. The bright, tropical colors of our buildings mimic Spanish style, and flat roofs, stucco, ironwork balconies, and intimate courtyards all reflect this Spanish influence. Even jambalaya resembles Spanish paella—in New Orleans, our Spanish heritage is hard to miss.

Here at Loyola, we’ll give you hands-on experiences and opportunities to use what you learn in the real world. Some of our classes include service learning in the local Latino communities. Participate in Sigma Delta Pi, our Spanish Honor Society, or practice Spanish with native speakers in our Ross Language Lab. You can study Spanish abroad in universities throughout the Spanish-speaking world. Take an internship; participate in student activities and socials—at Loyola, we’re all about learning by doing.

## Courses

Our program’s curriculum combines Spanish language courses with a selection of Spanish electives in culture, literature, and film and finishes with a Spanish capstone. Here’s a sample of what you can expect to learn and do:

### Second-Year Spanish I

This course focuses on grammar and vocabulary development, continuing the advancement of the four basic skills: listening comprehension, conversation, reading, and composition, along with culture.

### Intensive Conversation

This course places an emphasis on oral expression with exercises to provide students with a working knowledge of conversational Spanish. This course is open only to non-native speakers.

### Culture and Civilization of Spain

This course is a historical approach to Spanish civilization. Students study elements of Spanish culture including the languages, music, arts, architecture, and current socio-political issues.

### Latin-American Literature II

This course is a survey of Latin-American literature from the latter part of the 19th century to the present, including realism, naturalism, modernism, and post-modernism.

### Immigration

The course incorporates service learning in the New Orleans Latino community; guest speakers; and readings and films about problems of being an immigrant, particularly from the Spanish-speaking world. Written compositions reflect on the issues and how we can better know the “other.”