

# What you can do with your **SPANISH & PORTUGUESE MAJOR**



## Major Skills:



### Written & Spoken Communication

You read, listen to, and comprehend Spanish or Portuguese and express thoughts and ideas through written and oral communication.



### Critical Reading & Analytical Thinking

You read and analyze texts and other forms of artistic and cultural creation, recognize and apply patterns in language use, assess evidence, and recognize the possible implications of texts for various contexts, perspectives, and issues.



### Cultural Competence

You develop a global perspective through awareness of and sensitivity to practices, products, and perspectives of other cultures along with your own while recognizing historical, social, and political contexts and the ethics of a diverse society..



### Teamwork

You build and maintain collaborative relationships across diverse cultures to work effectively toward common goals, while appreciating differing viewpoints and shared responsibilities.



### Creative Thinking

You generate original ideas, experiment and take risks, solve problems, and use a wide variety of media to communicate.



### Professionalism & Work Ethic

You apply principles of ethical and professional conduct, demonstrate personal accountability and effective work habits, understand the impact of non-verbal communication, and act responsibly with the interests of the larger community in mind.

## Supplement Your Skills With:



**International Study, Internships & Language Conversation Tables**



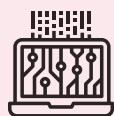
**Experience Fostering Equity & Inclusion**



**Internships, Part-Time Work & Community Involvement**



**Career & Self-Development**



**Data Analysis & Interpretation**

## Chart Your Path Forward

### Activate Your Handshake Account

for connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking.

### Explore Career Communities

to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your major into success.

### Get Career & Internship Advising

from SuccessWorks to make a plan, whether you're a first-year student or about to graduate.

**Get Started: [successworks.wisc.edu](https://successworks.wisc.edu)**

# Put your Spanish & Portuguese major to **WORK**

## Frequent Job Titles of Alumni:

1. Spanish Teacher/Instructor
2. Attorney
3. Chief Executive Officer
4. Director/Executive Director
5. Account Executive
6. Business Owner/Founder
7. Consultant
8. Marketing Manager
9. Registered Nurse
10. Account/Product Manager
11. English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher
12. Human Resources Manager
13. Physician Assistant
14. Manager/District Manager
15. Professor



## Frequent Employers of Alumni:

- Aurora Health Care
- Centro Hispano of Dane County
- Chicago Public Schools
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
- City of Madison
- Dean Health Plan Inc.
- Epic
- Exact Sciences
- Google
- Humana
- Kaiser Permanente
- Madison Area Technical College
- Medical College of Wisconsin
- Madison Metropolitan School District
- Milwaukee Public Schools
- Minneapolis Public Schools
- Mayo Clinic
- SSM Health
- TruStage
- UW Health

## Post-Graduation Plans 2016-2021:

- 61%** Employment
- 32%** Continuing Education, Graduate School
- 7%** Volunteer/Service Program

## Recent Grads' Industry of Employment 2016-2021:

1. Healthcare
2. Information Technology
3. Government
4. Finance
5. Non-Profit
6. Education
7. Life Sciences
8. Hospitality
9. Retail
10. Insurance
11. Marketing
12. Human Resources

## Where Alumni Live & Work:

- 39%** Wisconsin
- 13%** Illinois
- 7%** Minnesota
- 6%** California
- 5%** Colorado
- 30%** Other



"My Portuguese degree has given me many skills throughout my career: Analysis. Reading. Writing. Editing. Revising. Research. Cross-cultural competence. My language skills have been a through-line in my career — Opening up, expanding, and deepening opportunities on too many occasions to count."

**Jenny Pilling, 1990**

Global Talent Management Consultant, JKP Global Talent  
Madison, WI



"Studying Spanish at UW not only empowered me to get out of my comfort zone, but also equipped me with important interpersonal communication skills and the ability to empathize with the students I work with from all around the world."

**Ann Chapman, 2016**

Spanish and English as a Foreign Language Teacher, Self-Employed  
Cambridge, England, UK

## Career Communities for Spanish & Portuguese Majors

SuccessWorks has eight Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Spanish & Portuguese majors can start.

- Nonprofit Management & Education
- Government, Policy, International Affairs, & Law
- Communications, Entertainment & the Arts
- Consulting, Finance, Management & Client Relations

Not inspired by these options? Visit SuccessWorks to explore more widely.

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