

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A SPANISH MAJOR?

SJU students do different combinations with a Spanish major, and in fact, many of our majors are double majors. It depends on what kind of career path you are interested in. Spanish is not a "profession" in and of itself, but is a highly relevant and applicable skill that you develop and use in any number of professions. In general, we strongly encourage students to consider a secondary area in which they plan to develop their interests, so that the skill of using Spanish is complemented by knowledge and skills in that secondary area.

Some of the more typical combinations at SJU involve:

Spanish + Education (graduates generally pursue teaching jobs at the secondary level, and one recent graduate is pursuing an M.A. in bilingual education)

Spanish + Linguistics (graduates have pursued M.A.'s in Speech Therapy/Speech Pathology to practice in this field, or in Spanish or in Linguistics to do research and teaching at a secondary or post-secondary level; another possibility is to pursue certification as a medical or legal interpreter/translator)

Spanish + Business, International Business, or Marketing (graduates could pursue jobs in which their Spanish language skills are needed--either with a Latino population in the United States or an international position related to Spanish-speaking countries, banking, customer service/call center)

Spanish + International Relations (graduates have been interested in working at international governmental or non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that need bilingual staff)

Spanish + Political Science (graduates have been interested in working at international governmental or non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that need bilingual staff)

Spanish + Psychology (some graduates have been interested in clinical/counseling work with English- and Spanish-speaking clients)

Spanish + Biology or Interdisciplinary Health Services (graduates are typically planning to pursue a health-related profession, such as medical school, nursing, physical therapy since bilingual skills would be useful in these professions)

A good study abroad experience is a very helpful part of achieving more advanced skills in Spanish, and some of our graduates have also applied to competitive programs to spend the year after they graduate working in a Spanish-speaking country (e.g., Cultural Ambassadors program in Spain and Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships in Argentina, México, and Venezuela), so these are also some gateway opportunities to get some practical experience out of college.

HOW CAN I PRACTICE/USE MY SPANISH SKILLS DURING MY TIME AT SJU?

- Amparo de la niñez <http://www.amparodln.org/page.php?id=1>
- Congreso de Latinos Unidos www.congreso.net/home.php
- ELS Conversational Partners <http://www.els.edu/en/ELSCenters/Detail?locid=PHI>
- Eugenio María de Hostos Charter School (215) 455-2300
- Julia DeBurgos Bilingual Magnet School -
- Juntos www.vamosjuntos.org/
- SJU opportunities (Service Learning class; Weekly Service)
- El Taller Puertorriqueño www.tallerpr.org/ (volunteer link)
- The Welcome Center <http://www.ssjwelcomecenter.org/>

WHAT ARE SOME OPTIONS FOR AFTER I GRADUATE?

Full-Time Service Opportunities in the Philadelphia area:

- Catholic Relief Services (contact: Cheryl Mrazik) <http://www.ndsarch.org/CRS.html>
- City Year (AmeriCorps program) www.cityyear.org
- Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School <http://www.cristoreyphiladelphia.org/>
- Philly Fellows www.phillyfellows.org
- Romero Center, Camden, NJ <http://www.romero-center.org/>
- Servant Year, AmeriCorps funded program, Germantown <http://servantyear.org/>
- The Sisters of St. Joseph www.ssiphila.org/volunteers.html
- Teach for America <http://www.teachforamerica.org/where-we-work/greater-philadelphia>

M.A./PH.D. In Spanish – A few programs

- Indiana University <http://www.indiana.edu/~spanport/>
- Penn State University <http://sip.la.psu.edu/>
- U. of Florida <http://www.spanish.ufl.edu/spanish/grad-masters.html>
- U. of Illinois <http://www.sip.illinois.edu/>
- U. of Iowa <http://clas.uiowa.edu/dwllc/spanish-portuguese/>
- U. of Minnesota <http://spanport.umn.edu/>
- U. of New Mexico <http://www.unm.edu/~spanport/>
- U. of Puerto Rico <http://www.uprm.edu/hispanicos/>

Opportunities to Serve/Work/Live Abroad

- CIEE <http://www.ciee.org/#home>
- Cultural Ambassadors Program (Spain-Ministry of Education)
<http://www.educacion.gob.es/eeuu/convocatorias-programas/convocatorias-eeuu/auxiliares-conversacion-eeuu.html>
- LEADERS (Miguel Lopez-Madrado, www.leadersforyouth.com)
- English Opens Doors Program (Chile-Ministry of Education)
www.centrodevoluntarios.cl
- Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships (SJU students should contact Dr. Brent Smith, bsmith@sju.edu)
- Jesuit Volunteer Corps www.jesuitvolunteers.org
- L'Arche Communities www.larchewashingtondc.org
- Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (Honduras-NGO) <http://www.nph-honduras.org/>
- Searchable databases for more ideas
 - Idealist <http://www.idealists.org/>
 - Catholic Network of Volunteer Service <https://www.cnvs.org>