Knowledge of Spanish is increasingly important in today’s world: there are over 350 million Spanish native speakers. With your language and culture skills you will have greater opportunities in the job market, be able to communicate with co-workers and customers, understand signage and documents, especially if traveling abroad. This major will also give you the opportunity to go abroad to a Spanish speaking country and immerse yourself in the language and culture.

Alumni Story

“During my studies, I was fortunate enough to travel to Cuba, Mexico, and Ecuador, all of which were remarkable experiences.”

- Jonathan Allan BAH ’04


That is a degree from Queen’s.
Hispanic Studies MAJOR MAP

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, JOINT HONOURS, MINOR

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

1ST YEAR
Start with SPAN 111: Beginning Spanish I and SPAN 112: Beginning Spanish II to explore the foundations of Hispanic Studies along with some electives.
Attend Majors Night in the winter term to learn more about Plan options.

2ND YEAR
Continue with Spanish language classes: Take SPAN 204, SPAN 205 and SPAN 206. Consider taking LCU 247 and LCU 248. Think of adding minor and/or certificate such as International Studies. Attend Degree + in the fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.
Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

3RD YEAR
Take SPAN 301 and SPAN 302. Start taking courses in literature: SPAN 351, SPAN 380, SPAN 381. Explore many areas of Hispanic Studies. Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR
Complete SPAN option courses at 300 level. You may choose up to 6.0 units of option courses in English such as LCU 111, LCU 244, or LCU 249.
In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to Graduate School or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your optional minor and/or certificate(s).

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Join teams or clubs on campus such as Global Village, or Queen’s University Salsa Club.
See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queens Get Involved page for more ideas. Join English Language Support Volunteer Program (QUIC).

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations like the United Way and Kingston Literacy and Skills.
Take LCU 111: Introduction to Cultures. Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC’s Intercultural Awareness Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.
Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

Take LCU 111: Introduction to Cultures. Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC’s Intercultural Awareness Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.
Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills. Stop by QUIC for ideas to go abroad, volunteer at QUIC or attend one of their events.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.
Build your transferable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing and more with Student Academic Success Services.

Explore different career interests by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as Careers for Culture Lovers. For more information check out Career Cruising by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

What will I learn?
A degree in Hispanic Studies can equip you with:
- Fluency or near-fluency in Spanish
- Knowledge of the syntax, grammar and vocabulary of the Spanish language
- Translation skills to translate documents from Spanish into English
- Oral and written communication to write papers and give presentations in Spanish
- Ability to work in groups in Spanish
- Knowledge and understanding of the Hispanic world
- Knowledge of the literary traditions and historical understanding of the cultures of Spain and Spanish America
- Resource and time management working on multiple projects

Where can I go?
A degree in Hispanic Studies can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master’s. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:
- Civil service
- Counselling
- Diplomatic Service
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Immigration services
- Public Relations
- Teaching and Curriculum Development
- Translation

Taking time to explore career options, build experience and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

How to use this map
Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don’t have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My Major Tool.
Hispanic Studies

Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need

Queen’s provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen’s, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen’s wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.

Why study in Kingston?

For 175 years, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen’s has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen’s has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America – you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen’s – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.