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.

1. **Spanish is increasingly important in today’s world, and can increase opportunities in the job market.**
2. **Interact closely with professors in class and during our many events held throughout the year.**
3. **Mastery of Spanish gives access to a multicultural perspective on the world.**
4. **Knowledge of traditions and historical understanding of the cultures of Spain and Spanish America.**
5. **Students have the opportunity to go abroad and immerse themselves in the language and culture.**

Note that degree requirements are revised regularly. The most current requirements, including course lists and options, are found in the Academic Calendar at: QUarts.com/academic-calendar

**2018-19 thresholds**

1.9 CGPA AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE

OPEN PENDING LIST

“Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. For the latest information please visit QUarts.com"
# HISPANIC STUDIES

## MAJOR MAP

### 1ST YEAR

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**
- In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Hispanic Studies along with some electives.
- See the back page for specific courses to consider.
- Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

**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 Queen’s 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 Kingston Latino, United Way, Kingston Literacy and Skills (LINC).

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**
- Take LLCU 111: Introduction to Cultures. Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.
- Speack to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

**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.

### 2ND YEAR

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**
- Start going deeper into the discipline of Hispanic Studies, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as International Studies. Attend Degree + in the Fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.
- Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**
- Take more responsibility within different clubs. Think about applying to positions in student services or the AMS. Look into summer jobs by talking to the department or Career Services about work through SWEET or Work-Study. Consider entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the Queen’s Innovation Connector Summer Initiative (QICS).

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**
- Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC). Go to cultural events such as LLCU Film Nights, Language Clubs, guest lectures and Four Directions programming. Volunteering with organizations such as Kingston and District, Kingston Literacy & Skills, or Immigration Services Kingston and Area (ISKA).

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**
- 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**
- Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as Careers for Culture Lovers. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

### 3RD YEAR

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**
- A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of Hispanic Studies. Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year — for some ideas, see the back page.

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**
- If interested, apply for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USSRF).
- Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**
- Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen’s Connects. Look for research opportunities within the department and consider participating at a conference such as at Inquiry@Queen’s or volunteer with The Hispanic Canadian Arts and Cultural Association.

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**
- Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.
- Apply for the Semester in Shanghai program at Fudan University.

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**
- Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get help thinking about Grad School from Career Services.

### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**
- 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 major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**
- Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest.
- Assess what experience you’re lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships. Check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**
- Consider joining professional associations like The Association of Translators and Interpreters of Ontario, The Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers, or the Latin American Studies Association.

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**
- Start thinking about work or further studies abroad, such as North American Language and Culture Assistants in Spain.

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**
- Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, Grad School applications, or other decisions.

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### What will I learn?
A degree in Hispanic Studies can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:
- 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 diverse 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
- Diplomacy 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.