Spanish Major Career Map
Department of World Languages and Cultures

Career-readiness competencies you can learn studying languages, literatures, and cultures

Critical Thinking / Problem Solving: Obtain, use, and interpret knowledge of different cultures, facts and data to make decisions and solve problems.

Digital / Informational Literacy: Utilize existing technologies ethically to complete tasks, and adapt effectively to emerging technologies.

Teamwork: Ability to work in groups in the target language, showing flexibility, respect, and effectiveness in accomplishing goals.

Oral and Written Communication: Ability to communicate and present effectively in a professional persuasive discourse in a second language.

Intercultural Fluency: Deep understanding of different cultures and their unique perspective in the world. Inclusiveness and empathy to individuals’ differences.

Leadership: Ability to assess and develop the group members’ skills to guide, motivate, organize, and coordinate work.

Career Management: Ability to identify one’s skills, strengths, and areas for growth relevant to career goals.

Professionalism: Personal accountability, effective work habits, and commitment to the interests of the larger community.

Opportunities at Valpo for you to achieve these competencies

- Writing Intensive Courses, Advanced 300-level SPAN courses, SPAN 493 “Senior Seminar.”
- Task-oriented work in groups in our language classes, become an officer of the Spanish Club.
- Study Abroad programs in Chile, Costa Rica, Mexico, and Spain, Valparaiso International Engineering Program in Spain (VIENP), YMCA summer Internship in Valparaiso, Chile, INTL 484 and 485, SPAN 308 “Spanish for Service Professionals,” Hispanic Heritage Month, Spanish Poetry Day, Fulbright.
- Spanish Club, LIVE, VISA.
- Career Center, Sophomore Check-in Form, FLL department and university sponsored events featuring alumni in related careers.
- SPAN 307 “Spanish for Business,” Fall Welcome Spanish Majors Event, Compass Learning Program.

¹ Job Outlook Survey 2016, National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE).