THE MAJOR
A Spanish major provides VT graduates with Spanish-language skills that will prove useful in many professions, in addition to a greatly enriched worldview and advanced cultural competency. Students who major in Spanish complete coursework in a breadth of fields including language, literature, linguistics, culture, and cinema, in addition to our new Spanish for the Professions courses (Business, Medical Professions, Translation) that train students in the vocabulary and technical writing of Spanish. With an emphasis on critical thinking, analytic writing, and oral competency – transferable skills that ensure success in an ever-changing job market – students with a degree in Spanish complete their course of study prepared to enter the workforce.

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Education and Service:
- Bilingual Teacher
- College Professor
- Editor
- Translator
- Textbook Author
- Social Worker
- Nonprofit Organizations

Business:
- Banking
- Sales
- International Law
- International Relations Consultant
- Foreign Exchange Trader
- Foreign Correspondent
- Translator/Interpreter
- International Account Manager
- Bilingual Customer Support
- Advertising
- Marketing
- Human Resources
- Public Relations

Culture/Tourism:
- Cultural Events Coordinator
- Travel Agent
- Hospitality Management

FACTS
With over 600 million speakers globally, and as the official language in 21 countries, Spanish is one of the six official languages of the United Nations. It is by far the most common second language spoken in the United States, with over 50 million total speakers. In fact, the United States is currently the second largest Spanish-speaking country in the world, only behind Mexico.

AFTER VT
Spanish is an ideal preparation for graduate studies in Hispanic Studies (literatures, cultures, and linguistics) and professional schools, including law, business, education, and medicine. Many students combine their study of Spanish with other disciplines to prepare themselves for careers in international business, government, hospitality management, and communications, where advanced language proficiency and multicultural knowledge are must-have skills in today’s global economy. A Spanish major is also ideal for students interested in pursuing careers in education, particularly given the increasingly bilingual demographics of our state and nation.

Government:
- Diplomat
- National Security Agent
- Immigration Officer
- Court Interpreter
- Cultural Attaché
- UNESCO Official
- Translator/Interpreter
- FBI Agent
- Peace Corps
- Armed Forces
- Local Government

Scientific Fields:
- Technical Writer
- Translator/Interpreter
- Medicine
- Pharmaceutical Representative