Hispanic Studies

In today’s global society, knowledge of a second language is a necessary bridge to understanding human diversity. Spanish is one of the 10 most widely used languages in the world and is spoken by nearly 35 million people in the United States. The rich cultural legacy of the Spanish-speaking world makes the study of Spanish language and cultures an exciting and useful window to the many aspects of our world, whether you are motivated by an interest in literature, history, politics, social work, business, nursing, science or the arts.

Why Hispanic Studies at Illinois Wesleyan?

- Curriculum introduces students to the Spanish language as it is spoken all over the world, in Spain and the Americas.
- Offers studies in literature and cultural history in addition to language and linguistics.
- Teaches cultural history courses that stress the connections between literature, the other arts and the sociopolitical environment from which they emerge.
- Provides literature courses that sharpen analytical skills and foster greater sensitivity to language as an expression of culture.
- Offers specialized minors for students majoring in either Nursing or Business Administration.
- Offers a Spanish Teacher Licensure.

Learning from a Quality Faculty

Hispanic Studies faculty teach general courses in language as well as courses within their area of specialty.

- **Carmela Ferradáns**, Professor of Hispanic Studies  
  Ph.D. — University of California, Irvine  
  Specializes in contemporary poetry of Spain, concentrating on its relationship to the plastic arts and popular culture.

- **Daynali Flores-Rodriguez**, Assistant Professor of Hispanic Studies  
  Ph.D. — University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
  Specializes in Caribbean and U.S. Latino/a Studies.

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A Sampling of Courses Offered by Hispanic Studies:

- Readings in Literature and Culture
- Medical Spanish and Cultural Competency of Health Care
- Spanish for Social Justice
- Intensive Language Studies (Study Abroad)
- Iberian Culture and Civilization
- Special Topics in Media and Film
- Introduction to Spanish Linguistics
- History of the Spanish Language
- Early Spanish Literature
- Modern Spanish Literature
- Latin American Literature: Short Narrative and Essay
- Latin American Literature: The Novel
- Senior Seminar
- Studies in Cultural History
- Translation: Principles and Practices
- Business Spanish (study abroad)
- Internship

Recent May Term Courses Related to Hispanic Studies:

- Latin American Short Story
- Advanced Conversation
- Art and Architecture of Barcelona (travel course)
- Latin American Economics
- Cultures of the Yucatan: Mayan, Spanish, Afro-Caribbean (travel course)
- The Spanish Revolution (travel course)
By completing a major in Hispanic Studies you will be working with professors who are genuinely interested in your advancement as a critical thinker, communicator and as a student that is knowledgeable of Latin American and Spanish language, literature, and the history and politics of cultural production. The courses in our program offer opportunities to interact with the Hispanic community, collaborate with faculty and present your own research. The study abroad requirement to a Spanish-speaking country is usually a highlight for many students. We look forward to chatting with you about your interests!"