



Spanish & Foreign Languages

Learning a language opens doors to new ways of listening, experiencing and thinking about your global neighborhood. It's good preparation for teaching, working in another country, or a job as a translator or interpreter. In fact, being bilingual boosts your prospects in almost any career.

5 study options

- Spanish major/minor
- Translation and interpretation major
- Teaching English as a second language minor
- German minor
- English language studies certificate for international students

Your language study at Northwestern will include cross-cultural opportunities around the world and outside your door as you learn about breaking through barriers. In addition to spending a semester abroad, you might accompany professors as they translate in the courtroom or hospital.

Faculty

Northwestern's full-time language professors have all spent significant time living in Spanish-speaking countries. In addition to teaching at Northwestern, they are also engaged with Sioux County's growing Hispanic community. One of our Spanish professors was the first NWC teacher to be named Iowa's Professor of the Year, and two Spanish faculty members have been Northwestern College Teaching Excellence Award recipients.

Study abroad

As a language learner, you'll have plenty of opportunities to explore other countries and cultures close-up through study abroad programs in Argentina, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Spain and elsewhere.

Major news for bilingual students

Northwestern is the only Christian college or university in the U.S. to offer a Spanish translation and interpretation major. The degree enables students who are fully bilingual to work in this growing and well-paying profession, providing translation and interpretation services in government and diplomatic offices, courts, hospitals and elsewhere.

Professor Piet Koene, who directs the translation & interpretation program, is a nationally certified medical interpreter and a state-certified court interpreter.

Bilingual opportunities

Second-language learners have plenty of opportunities to practice on campus and in the community. You can:

- Participate in or lead Spanish Chapel twice a month
- Volunteer alongside and among our area's Hispanic community
- Attend and serve at Amistad Cristiana, a nearby Spanish-speaking church
- Tutor Hispanic community members learning English or Hispanic children studying other subjects
- Travel on short-term mission trips to Spanish-speaking countries like Argentina, Guatemala, Nicaragua or Spain

To learn more about our professors and students, and see what graduates are doing:

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