



CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

Catherine Senatore '07

Hispanic Studies, Economics



Q: Why did you major in Hispanic studies?

A: I came to Connecticut College thinking that I would be an English major. However, after taking some classes in the Hispanic studies department, I decided that it was the major for me.

Q: What were your relationships like with your professors?

A: I came to love the faculty of the Hispanic studies department — they are open and interested in their students. They are always accessible and they provide a wealth of information and love to just meet and chat so you can practice your Spanish.

Q: Did you study abroad in Latin America or Spain?

A: I studied abroad in Seville, Spain, where I took a pledge to speak only Spanish. If you want to be fluent in any foreign language, you have to go abroad.

Q: Did you have an internship related to your major?

A: When I was in Seville, I arranged for an internship that tied in with my other major, economics. I worked for Fidelity Investments in Madrid, researching Fidelity funds distributors and making sure they were up to date with compliance regulations.

Q: What have you done since graduating? Do you use your Spanish language skills?

A: I work at Deloitte & Touche as a consultant in the Regulatory and Capital Markets Practice. As this company has large-scale operations in Spanish-speaking countries, it is often helpful that I understand and can speak Spanish.

Hispanic Studies

Overview

Recognizing that Spanish is now the second language of the United States and the third most spoken language in the world, many students are looking to our major as a way to participate in and better understand the global community. As a Hispanic studies major, you will not only master the Spanish language, you'll also acquire a broad understanding of the cultures of Spain, Latin America and Hispanics in the United States. The department also offers an interdisciplinary major in Latin American studies.

Personalized Learning

Your professors in the department of Hispanic studies are committed to guiding you toward your academic and professional objectives. On campus, students are able to converse casually in Spanish with their professors and peers at the Spanish language table in Knowlton's international dining hall. Knowlton Language House, a popular housing option for the College's foreign language students, also provides students with an environment that fosters speaking foreign languages everyday.

Service Learning and Community Outreach

The department is particularly focused on establishing and examining connections between the academic life of its students and the life of Hispanic communities locally and abroad. The department of Hispanic studies offers a service-learning program, Proyecto Comunidad, through which students volunteer at sites within the local Hispanic community. We integrate learning with outreach and take field trips to schools, an immigration law firm, a hospital, a prison, social services agencies and the superior court.

Study Abroad

Beyond our campus and New London, you will have the opportunity to study in many Spanish-speaking countries. You can go abroad through the College's own Study Away Teach Away (SATA) program or through study-abroad programs offered by other universities. Some Hispanic studies and Latin American studies courses include a Traveling Research and Immersion Program (TRIP), through which classes take short trips, at the College's expense, to locations such as Spain, Peru and the U.S.-Mexico border.

Beyond Connecticut College

Where will you go with a Hispanic studies major? You'll have a competitive edge for jobs in education, business, government, social work, health care, law, media, travel and other fields. Hispanic studies also apply to a range of opportunities, including graduate study, in which critical analysis and problem-solving skills are needed.

Faculty

Luis M. González, *Assistant Professor of Hispanic Studies*

B.A., Ph.D., Universidad de Alcalá de Henares; Ph.D., Georgetown University

Contemporary peninsular literature; Spanish film studies

Frank Graziano, *John D. MacArthur Professor of Hispanic Studies; Chair of the Hispanic Studies Department*

B.A., University of Arizona; M.F.A., University of Iowa; Ph.D., University of New Mexico

Latin American cultures; Latin American fiction; religion in Latin America; theories of culture; immigration

Aida L. Heredia, *Associate Professor of Hispanic Studies*

B.A., Queens College; M.A., Ph.D., SUNY Buffalo

Latin American literature and culture; Caribbean literature and culture; critical theory

Julia A. Kushigian, *Professor of Hispanic Studies*

B.A., University of Connecticut; M.A., New York University; M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D., Yale University

Contemporary Latin American literature; gender, culture and race in Spanish America

Selected Courses

Myth, Folklore and Legends of Spanish America; Literature of the Hispanic Caribbean; Religion and Violence in Latin America; Youth in Spanish America; Contemporary Spanish Cinema; Contemporary Spanish Women Writers; Old World/New World: Tradition and Innovation in Early Latin American Literature; Brazilian Culture and Literature

About Connecticut College

Connecticut College is a highly selective residential liberal arts college with 1,900 students from all over the country and the world. The academic program offers more than 47 majors in the arts, sciences, social sciences and humanities as well as innovative interdisciplinary programs. Students engage with dedicated faculty and each other to create a vibrant social, cultural and intellectual community in which learning is valued for its own sake — and individuals' diverse perspectives enrich the experience of all.

What can you do with a major in Hispanic studies?

Eli Trowbridge '05

Translator and an English and international exams instructor in Santiago, Chile. Helps students learn English and prepare for international exams such as the TOEFL.

Studied in Chile and Mexico and taught English as a foreign language at local elementary schools. Interned at the Universidad de Chile in the linguistics department. Studied Spanglish as an evolving language in the United States.

Natasja Eerens '06

English language assistant at the Félix de Revello School in Málaga, Spain. Working toward an M.A. in social work.

Studied in Ecuador and interned with a women's organization to research the prevalence of HIV and AIDS among the sex worker population. Completed a research project about Puerto Ricans' access to health care in the New London community.

Megan McCarthy '07

A bilingual case manager at a non-profit health clinic in Washington, D.C.

Received a Fulbright grant to conduct research on drug addiction among street youth in Honduras. Studied abroad for a semester in Salamanca, Spain.

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