Hispanic Studies

Overview

Spanish is the third most spoken language in the world. Major in Hispanic studies and you learn to participate in and better understand this global community. You not only master the language, you acquire a broad understanding of the cultures of Spain, Latin America and Hispanics in the United States. We also offer an interdisciplinary major focusing on Latin American studies. Your learning is integrated with outreach, with a particular focus on the life of Hispanic communities locally and abroad. You take field trips to schools, an immigration law firm, a hospital, a prison, social services agencies and the superior court. You also have an opportunity to volunteer locally through a program called Proyecto Comunidad.

International Opportunities and Study Abroad

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 take short trips at the College’s expense to Spain, Peru or the U.S.-Mexico border. On campus, you can practice your conversational Spanish with friends at one of the language tables in the dining hall. Knowlton Language House is a popular housing option for students who want to immerse themselves in another culture.

Personalized Learning

Faculty are committed to guiding you toward your academic and professional objectives. Hispanic studies opens doors to a range of opportunities that require critical analysis and problem-solving skills. You’ll have a competitive edge for jobs in education, business, government, social work, health care, law, media, travel and other fields.
Faculty

**Luis M. González,** Associate Professor of Hispanic Studies
B.A., Ph.D., Universidad de Alcalá de Henares; Ph.D., Georgetown University
Contemporary peninsular literature; Spanish film and cultural studies; culture and ideology

**Aida Heredia,** 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

**Jennifer L. Rudolph,** Assistant Professor of Hispanic Studies
B.A., St. Xavier University; M.A., Loyola University; Ph.D., University of Illinois
Latino cultural studies, critical race theory, masculinity theory

Frank Graziano, John D. MacArthur Professor of Hispanic Studies
B.A., University of Arizona; M.F.A., University of Iowa; Ph.D., University of New Mexico
Spanish American cultures; popular Catholicism in Spanish America; undocumented migration

**Julia A. Kushigian,** Hanna Hafkesbrink Professor of Hispanic Studies, Chair of Hispanic Studies Department
B.A., University of Connecticut; M.A., New York University; M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D., Yale University
Gender, culture and race studies in Spanish America; orientalism in the Hispanic tradition

Selected Courses

- Latino writers in the U.S.; Literature of the Hispanic Caribbean
- Contemporary Spanish Cinema; Religion and Violence in Latin America
- Youth in Spanish America; Contemporary Spanish Women Writers
- Masterworks of Spanish Theater; U.S. Latino Urban Youth Narratives
- Old World/New World: Writing Voyages, Disasters and Natural Wonders
- Hispanic Identities in Writing and the Arts; The Case for Diversity from Global to Local

About Connecticut College

Connecticut College educates students to put the liberal arts into action as citizens in a global society. A leader in the liberal arts since 1911, the College is home to nationally ranked programs for internships, community action, arts and technology, environmental studies and international studies. Our beautiful 750-acre arboretum campus is located in the historic New England seaport community of New London, Conn.