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

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<td><strong>Luis M. González</strong>, Associate Professor of Hispanic Studies</td>
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<td>Gender, culture and race studies in Spanish America; orientalism in the Hispanic tradition</td>
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### 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

### About Connecticut College

Connecticut College is a private, highly selective liberal arts college with 1,850 students and more than 40 majors in the arts, sciences, social sciences and humanities, as well as the option for students to self-design majors. The College offers a high level of intellectual challenge, a campus culture that supports students to tailor their educational experience to their own interests and goals, and a four-year career development program that teaches students how to translate a liberal arts degree into a first job or graduate school admission. Connecticut College is situated in the small New England seaport of New London.

### What Can You Do With a Major in Hispanic Studies?

- President, La Luna Films
- Federal Security Director, U.S. Transportation Security Administration
- Box Office Manager, D.C., United Major League Soccer
- Customer Service - Central and South America, Cooper-Atkins Corp.
- Account Executive for Sales, IBM
- Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator, La Luna Films
- Equity Sales, BTG Portugal
- Director, City of Madison Department of Civil Rights
- Market and User Research, TiVo
- Managing Partner, Sofos International
- Professor of Modern Languages and Literatures, Beloit College
- Director, Edutravel, Center for Cross-Cultural Study
- Head of Bilingual Education, New London Department of Education
- Account Planner, Google Inc.
- Director of Mercosur Affairs, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

### Examples of Student Research in Hispanic Studies

- **Leah Swinson '15**
  *Historical memory as a barrier to education equity*
- **Janil Tejada '15**
  *Non-traditional Dominican migration and its effects on foreign affairs, gender norms and race relations: migration to Madrid, Spain in comparison to the United States*

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