

## FACULTY

**Chair:** Jesús Velasco, Augustus R. Street Professor of Spanish and Portuguese and of Comparative Literature

**Santiago Acosta**, Assistant Professor of Spanish and Portuguese

**Rüdiger Campe**, Alfred C., and Martha F. Mohr Professor of German Languages and Literatures & Professor of Comparative Literature

**Cécile Fromont**, Professor of the History of Art

**Aníbal González-Pérez**, Professor & Director of Graduate Studies (Spanish)

**David Jackson**, Professor & Director of Undergraduate Studies (Portuguese)

**Nicholas R. Jones**, Assistant Professor of Spanish

**Albert Laguna**, Associate Professor of American Studies and Ethnicity, Race, & Migration

**Stephen Pitti**, Professor of History and of American Studies

**Pedro Schacht Pereira**, Visiting Associate Professor in Portuguese

**Katie Trumpener**, Emily Sanford Professor of Comparative Literature and Professor of English

**Noël Valis**, Professor of Spanish

**Lisa Voigt**, Professor of Spanish & Acting Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS), AY 2023-24

### Senior Lecturer

Alexander Gil Fuentes, Senior Lecturer II & Associate Researcher in the Digital Humanities

### Language Program Director

Jorge Méndez-Seijas, Assoc. Research Scholar in Spanish

### Senior Lectors II

Sybil Alexandrov  
Jorge Méndez-Seijas  
Margherita Tortora

### Senior Lectors I

Pilar Asensio  
Carolina Baffi  
Mercedes Carreras  
Igor de Souza, (Portuguese), Associate Research Scholar in Judaic Studies  
Sebastián Díaz  
Maripaz García

## PROGRAM MISSION

The mission of the Spanish and Portuguese Language Program is to help students attain communicative and cultural competence in Spanish and Portuguese. We offer transformative learning experiences that promote global citizenship and that foster ways of seeing and interpreting the world through the lenses of Hispanophone and Lusophone languages and cultures.



**Iberian Connections**  
MIDDLE AND EARLY MODERN STUDIES  
AND CONTEMPORARY CRITICAL THOUGHT

### Faculty continued

María José Gutiérrez Barajas  
Rosamaría León  
Luna Nájera, Associate Research Scholar in Spanish  
Juliana Ramos-Ruano  
Lissette Reymundi  
Lucía Rubio  
Lourdes Sabé-Colom  
Terry Seymour  
Giseli Tordin, Portuguese LPD  
María Vázquez

### Lectors

Sarah Glenski  
Mayte López  
Ian Russell  
Noelia Sánchez-Walker  
Torin Spangler (Portuguese)

### Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants

Mariana Pessoa and Henrique Paiva Soares

### Administrative Staff

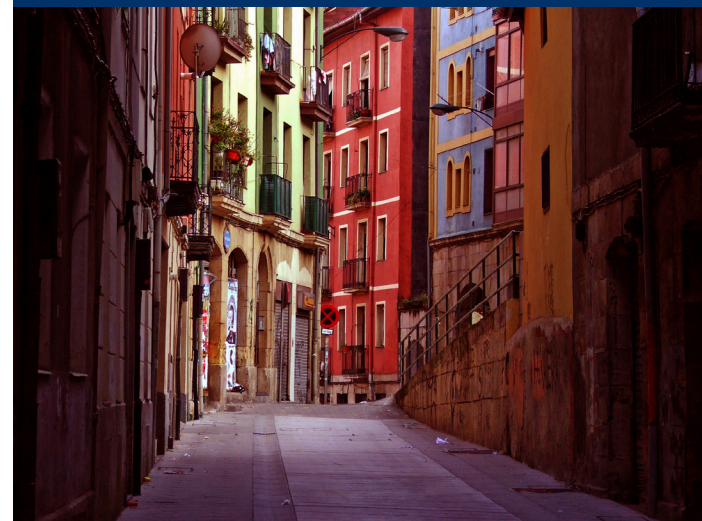
Christine Mullen, Senior Administrative Assistant  
Julia DiVincenzo, Registrar of Spanish and Portuguese  
Joanna Szczubelek, Operations Manager

Photos: Cover, Bilbao; Colonnades in Plaza Mayor, Lima (licensed photos)  
Brochure design by Luna Nájera

- [Department News, Lectures, and Events](#)
- [Spanish and Portuguese Conversation Tables](#)
- [Whitney Humanities Center](#)
- [MacMillan Center Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies](#)

# Yale

## DEPARTMENT OF SPANISH & PORTUGUESE



### Exploring the Spanish Program 2023 – 2024



Humanities Quadrangle  
Department of Spanish & Portuguese, 5<sup>th</sup> floor  
320 York Street  
New Haven, Connecticut 06511

## THE SPANISH MAJOR

The major in Spanish is a liberal arts major that offers a wide range of courses in the language, literatures, and cultures of the twenty Spanish-speaking countries in Europe and Latin America. Today Spanish is the second language of the United States, one of the three most widely spoken languages in the world, and one of the five diplomatic languages of the United Nations.

The program in Spanish provides you with the opportunity to acquire thorough linguistic proficiency as well as in-depth knowledge of both cultural and literary topics. The Spanish



major opens up a world of literature, history, art, philosophy and cultural studies, and is an excellent preparation for careers in diplomacy, law, medicine, business, the arts, academics, journalism, and education. Students interested in majoring in Spanish, or in a double major in Spanish and another field, should consult with the DUS about a specialized course of study.

The Department of Spanish and Portuguese at Yale is known not only for its academic rigor but also for its plurality of critical and theoretical approaches to the study of Peninsular and Latin American literatures. It boasts a world-renowned faculty whose research is considered among some of the most important being done in Hispanic literary studies today.

\*For information on the major in Portuguese, consult with the DUS, Prof. K. David Jackson.

## ADVANCED LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE IN SPANISH

For non-majors who have taken a collection of advanced courses in Spanish.

- Eligible: SPAN courses at the **200** or **300** level holding an L5 designation (taught entirely in Spanish).
- **First-year seminars** taught in Spanish count as courses in **SPAN 231-299 range**.
- At least **one** of the **four** required courses must be at the 300 level (an advanced undergraduate course or seminar). One advanced non-L5 course, conducted entirely in Spanish, such as an independent study course (may be graded pass/fail) or a graduate seminar, may count toward certification requirements (with approval of the DUS for Spanish).
- A maximum of **one** course may be taken abroad, as part of a Yale or Yale designated program.
- All courses must be taken for a letter grade. You must achieve a grade of B or above. Courses taken Credit/D/Fail will not be counted for the certificate. The DUS will review and approve all courses to be applied to the certificate.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SPANISH MAJOR

Requirements for the Spanish Major

**Prerequisite:** SPAN 140, 142, 145, or equivalent.

Number of courses: 10 term courses beyond the prerequisite (including the senior essay requirement).

**Specific requirements:** You may take:

- ☞ a maximum of 1 course from SPAN 200-230
- ☞ 5 courses numbered SPAN 300 or higher
- ☞ a maximum of 1 SPAN course taught in English, with DUS approval

You must complete the senior essay (SPAN 491) in your final year.

\* First-year seminars taught in Spanish count toward the major in the SPAN 231-99 range.

\* Up to 4 approved courses taken abroad may count toward the major.

## SUMMER STUDY ABROAD

Multiple programs combining Intensive Intermediate Spanish (SPAN 130/ SPAN 140) and a Culture course (SPAN 248 or 249) will be offered over the summer.

**Programs length:** 8 weeks

Weeks 1-4: Taught on the Yale campus in New Haven

Weeks 5-8: Bilbao, **Spain** or Quito, **Ecuador**

These intensive Spanish summer courses cover SPAN 130 and SPAN 140 in one term. You will be able to perform proficiently at an intermediate level. The Culture course explores the history, society, and culture of the target country through literary texts, essays, films, music, and visual arts. You will develop Spanish linguistic skills as you increase your understanding of the language and culture immersed in the target location. You will have the opportunity to go on excursions, visit museums, attend conferences, interact with popular culture, live with local families, and participate in many other activities. For

information on L5-level summer courses abroad, as well as semester or full-year abroad programs, contact the Center for International and Professional Experience, or consult the DUS.



Photos: Collage of colorful doors in old San Juan, Puerto Rico, by Mikolaj Niemczewski; Summer study abroad group selfie in Quito (2019), by Yale student Clayton Land