

# Spanish and Portuguese

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**Undergraduate majors:** Spanish (B.A.); Portuguese (B.A.)

**Undergraduate minors:** Spanish; Portuguese

**Graduate degrees:** M.A. in Spanish; M.F.A. in Spanish creative writing; Ph.D. in Spanish

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## Facilities

## Center for Language and Culture Learning

The Center for Language and Culture Learning (CLCL) provides a wide variety of services and facilities to the Division of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures, including a 54-computer Instructional Technology Center (ITC) and six "All in One" studios/small group study rooms, each equipped with video production and editing software. The CLCL also has a digital media and hardware collection available for checkout.

Directed Independent Language Study (DiLS), administered by the Center for Language and Culture Learning in the Division of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures, offers students guidance on engaging in self-instruction in languages that are not currently taught in the division. Any current University of Iowa student, staff, or faculty member who is interested in pursuing language study to enhance their professional research or academic profile can take advantage of this program. With the support of CLCL staff members, learners design their own study plans to learn basic language skills or improve upon existing skills in preparation for study or research abroad, and are paired with a language and culture consultant when possible.

## Spanish Writing, Speaking, and Conversation Center

The Spanish Writing, Speaking, and Conversation Center assists students in understanding their assignments and helps them recognize what constitutes good Spanish speaking and writing. Tutors and students brainstorm ideas for an oral presentation or a paper, generate outlines, organize information, and explore dictionaries and other resources to avoid direct translations from English to Spanish. Tutors also provide students with tools for future writing and oral assignments.

The center helps students develop confidence to participate in class discussions, practice conversational skills, and assists students with reading comprehension. Any student enrolled in SPAN:1502 Intermediate Spanish II or above can