



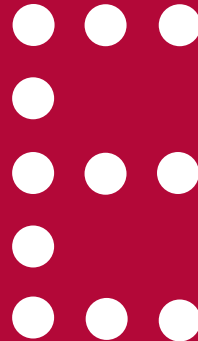
Studying the multicultural Hispanic world

The title "Spanish and Hispanic Studies" at Earlham emphasizes the College's dedication to the teaching of language and the many issues pertaining to the multicultural Hispanic world. Linked to that common language, the Hispanic world is large and varied, encompassing a wide range of cultures in places such as the Caribbean, Mexico, the United States and Spain. We celebrate the diverse nature of this Hispanic world by teaching the Spanish language and embracing the study of its literatures, cultural expressions, peoples and varied ways of life.



Earlham Facts

- Founded in 1847 by the Society of Friends, Earlham is rooted in the ideals of Quakerism.
- 1,200 undergraduate students representing 44 states and 71 countries
- Male 44%, Female 56%
- 12:1 student-to-faculty ratio
- More than 64 percent of every graduating class participates in an off-campus study program.
- Earlham graduates are well prepared for further study; nearly half of Earlham alumni graduating in the last 10 years enrolled in graduate or professional school.



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Spanish and Hispanic Studies: A look at the program

Students who decide to major in Spanish and Hispanic Studies at Earlham work in consultation with faculty in the department to design rigorous programs of study in their area of interest and to create a coherent, challenging major.

Along with these programs, students' individual approaches to the major also share common elements. Spanish and Hispanic Studies majors at Earlham develop:

- a proficiency in the Spanish language
- a rigorous approach to discourse analysis
- a deep and broad cultural awareness of the great diversity of the Hispanic world.

For more information about Earlham College's Spanish and Hispanic Studies Department, visit www.earlham.edu/curriculumguide/spanish.

"As a teacher, I aim to get students to see that literature, culture and language reflect how we view the world. I also encourage students to question these views and dialogue with each other, to bury misconceptions and to think beyond the material they have learned, displaying how learning is engaging and enjoyable."

— Ana Cornide, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Spanish
Languages and Literatures

Faculty strengths

All faculty members have traveled extensively and have designed and directed programs abroad in Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean and the Southern Cone. Faculty encourage students to approach and understand the Hispanic world from multiple perspectives that include literary and cultural analysis of colonial texts, socio-political history, gender and ethnic diversity and sociolinguistics.



Field studies complement on-campus studies

Field studies complement on-campus studies by allowing students to get practical, hands-on experience. Students participating in an off-campus program work with the guidance of on-site faculty and the field study program leader to choose a setting based on their specific interests. Semester programs include Mexico, Spain and the U.S./ Mexico border.

Off-campus opportunities

Each year, the Hispanic Studies faculty offer one or more May Term courses, often on topics not regularly offered during the academic year. Off-campus offerings have included Intensive Spanish in Mexico, the Language and Culture of Curaçao and the Camino de Santiago in Spain.



Graduates enter many fields

Students who have majored in Spanish and Hispanic Studies have gone on to a variety of careers, including medicine, social work, law and education. Graduates have become immigration attorneys, Peace Corps volunteers, teachers at all levels and specialists in bilingual education.



Graduate reflections

"One of the big surprises for me in a major this size was the flexibility given to the professors to teach topics they're passionate about. Who would have thought a class on 16th century Spanish conquistador journals and the role of cartography in the exploitation of the Americas would be any fun? Somehow it was fantastic. When the professor is invested in what she or he is teaching, it makes a world of difference."

— Tim Shenk '04
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

"Earlham's Spanish and Hispanic Studies Program provided me with an excellent foundation in the grammar and mechanics of the Spanish language and introduced me to the world of Hispanic studies, its thinkers, writers and activists. The program's most significant gift to its students is to increase in them their comfort with complexity, an essential tool for compassionate work in the bilingual, bi-cultural borderlands that exist far north of the U.S./Mexico border.

— Sarah Henkel '03
Princeton, New Jersey

