Our department offers French, German, Italian, Spanish, Linguistics, Film Studies, Literature in Translation, Education, Humanities, and FYW courses that can count toward a variety of majors and interdisciplinary minors. Through the development of competency in other languages and cultures, our students acquire global fluency and practice invaluable transferable skills, such as presentational and interpersonal communication; reading with a purpose; analysis of how language creates meaning; the formation, articulation and defense of a thesis; reflection; extemporaneous speech and debate; and collaboration with faculty, peers, and community partners.

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THE SPANISH MAJOR AT FURMAN

SPN 215
SPN 270
Two civilization courses (SPN 220, 240, 260, 320, 350)
Two language / linguistics courses (SPN 300, 301, 302, 304, 305, 306)
One survey of literature course (SPN 310, 331, 332, 340, 361)
One 400-level literature course
One additional 400 or 500-level course

Over 90 majors making an impact on their community through several community-engaged classes with 13 full-time and one part-time faculty.

THE FURMAN ADVANTAGE guarantees every student an unparalleled education that combines classroom learning with real-world experiences and self-discovery. This integrated four-year pathway, guided by a diverse community of mentors, prepares students for lives of purpose and accelerated career and community impact—demonstrating in concrete terms the value of a Furman education.

Your Spanish-speaking community on campus

Whether you are enjoying a cup of coffee in our newly remodeled Modern Language Center, attending one of our three weekly conversation hours (“el café social”), or checking out our Monday evening game night or Wednesday evening film night, you will be able to connect with other Spanish-speakers around campus. You will also have the opportunity to live in our Spanish House with a native speaker who facilitates activities for the House.
Beyond Furman
Our graduates pursue careers and graduate study in areas such as education, health care, business, government, sales, communications, military service, the Peace Corps, law, AmeriCorps, speech pathology, and Spanish literature and linguistics. The majority of MLL alumni surveyed strongly agree that their Furman language major has benefited them both professionally and personally.

Expand your horizons with Study Away
Spend the fall term in Madrid, the spring in South America, or a May or summer term in Spain. Live with host families, take classes, travel, and maybe even complete an internship. Check with your advisor to see what programs will be offered when. Follow our programs on Instagram @Furman_MLL #mllgobeyond.

Experience the professional world...
...with internships at home and abroad, which may count for up to 4 credits of your Spanish major. Selected students who serve at the Hispanic Alliance earn a stipend for their work.
...by working closely with faculty on translations, interviews of authors, and studies of the history, linguistic features, and needs of the Hispanic community.

A Four-year Pathway
“For me, studying Spanish at Furman has been a transformational experience that has shaped me both as a student and as a person. My Spanish studies have provided me with avenues to meaningfully engage with both the Greenville community and the greater Spanish-speaking world: to volunteer with Neighborhood Focus in Berea, study in Madrid, and collaborate on a year-long translation project that involved travels in Mexico City. I cannot express the amount of gratitude that I feel for both the mentorship that I have received from Spanish faculty, as well as the classroom and global experiences I have gained through my Spanish curriculum.” Maria Bartlett, ‘18

Furman’s Rho Kappa chapter of the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, Sigma Delta Pi, holds two inductions each year and boasts of approximately 20 members.

SPN 445 students interview Mapuche-Argentinian author Liliana Ancalao (March 2018)