

SPANISH

With over 400 million speakers in more than twenty countries, Spanish is one of the most spoken languages in the world rivaled only by English and Mandarin Chinese. In the U.S. there are 41 million native speakers of Spanish, and 11 million people speak it as a second language. No doubt it is the fastest-growing language in this country. Daily use of Spanish is so common in the U.S. - at stores, at restaurants, at work, on television, on the radio, on the streets, etc. - that most Americans take it for granted. In the state of Texas with its dynamic Hispanic population, there are over 6 million speakers of Spanish, and growing. No doubt, knowing English and Spanish will give anyone a clear edge in today's work world.

UNT offers a major and minor in Spanish. At the basic and intermediate levels students master all Spanish language skills through oral and written practice as well as online activities. Advanced students take pre-requisite classes before choosing from a variety of courses in literature, culture, professions, civilization and cinema to fulfill requirements and electives.

UNT Spanish graduates have gone on to become secondary school teachers and work in various businesses, as well as continue on to graduate school, among other professions. Many UNT students also do a double major in Spanish and another field - such as business, music, biology and journalism, for example - since they are well aware that **NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, SPANISH WILL HELP YOU!**

Enhance your marketable skills through:

- Undergraduate Research
- Internship(s)
- Study Abroad Programs in Argentina, Costa Rica, Mexico and Spain
- Be a Tutor
- Teaching Assistant

Notable Alumni Careers:

- Teach ESL Abroad
- Military Personnel
- Airline Services Flight Attendant

Career Opportunities:

- Education
- Translation Communications
- Government/Civil Service Law
- Business
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Tourism/Hospitality/Travel
- Arts/Entertainment/Media
- Community Development
- Science/Health Services Technology

Student Organizations:

- National Collegiate Hispanic Honors Society
- Mate Club
- Spanish Club

Professional Organizations:

- Sigma Delta Pi Language Honor Society

Complementary Minors/ Undergraduate Academic Certificates

- Professional Spanish
- Spanish Language Media
- International Studies
- Mexican-American Studies
- Ethnic Studies
- Latina/o and Mexican-American Studies Certificate
- International Business Certificate

Department Highlights:

- Our department offers a Major, a Minor, and a Professional Certificate in Spanish. At the basic and intermediate levels students master all Spanish language skills through oral and written practice as well as online activities. Advanced students take prerequisite classes before choosing from a variety of courses in literature, culture, professions, civilization and cinema to fulfill requirements and electives.
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Faculty Expertise:



Emily Thurman: Lecturer, Undergraduate Faculty Advisor
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Professor Thurman received her PhD from Texas A&M in 2017, and was a major in Hispanic Studies. Her dissertation was entitled, “An Isolated State of Mind: Seeking a Life in Exile.” She belongs to several professional organizations including Sigma Delta Pi, the National Academic Advising Association and the Modern Languages Association and her specific interests include spending time with her family, traveling, reading, yoga, baking and crocheting.



Maria Muniz: Principal Lecturer - maria.muniz@unt.edu

Ms. Muniz received her MA in Spanish Literature at UT Pan American. Her area of specialization is the Picaresque novel. She specifically studies language structures in Picaresque texts. She also has interests in contemporary Latin American Boom writers. She received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Department of Spanish in 2018 and the Excellence in Advising Award in 2013.



Concepcion Martinez: Principal Lecturer - connie.martinez@unt.edu

Ms. Martinez earned her MA in Spanish Language and Literature/Minor in Education from University of North Texas. She teaches Spanish Writing, Grammar, Reflexive Communication, Spanish for Heritage Speakers, Culture and Civilization and Spanish for Business. She is currently a member of the American Association of University Women, Denton, and the Texas Foreign Language Association. She received the Faculty Award for Collegiality, Department of Spanish, UNT in 2017.



M. Teresa Marrero, Professor, Graduate Advisor— teresa.marrero@unt.edu

Dr. Teresa Marrero earned her PhD from University of California, Irvine with a Major in Spanish. Latino/Latina Self Representation in Theater & Performance Art. She specializes in contemporary Latin American and Latino Theater (Mexican/Chicano, Cuban/Cuban-American, Puerto Rican, Argentinean) and Performance-Cultural Theory. Her graduate courses include Latin American Adaptations of Classical Greek Plays (Teatro y Ritualidad), Lat. Am. Thea. from Realism to the Present, and Women in Latin American-Latino Theater. She is a creative writer, a theater director, and an avid tango dancer!

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