Spanish Major + Minor

- Banking
- Law Enforcement
- Business
- Legal Studies
- Customs
- Medicine
- Journalism
- Social Work

Spanish is spoken by more than 400 million people worldwide and it is the second most spoken language in the world by native speakers. Spanish is the official language of 21 countries and it is the second most common language in international communication and business. In the United States, almost 35 million people speak Spanish. It is projected that by 2050, the United States will be the country with the largest number of Spanish speakers. Currently, there are 14 million students worldwide who choose Spanish as a second language.

OU students can receive OU credit for the Spanish major or minor for courses taken abroad in programs in universities in Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, and Spain. For more information about the major or minor in Spanish, please contact Shawn Gralla, Undergraduate Advisor, (405) 325-7823, (Shawn.M.Gralla-1@ou.edu) or visit modlang.ou.edu.

Portuguese Major + Minor

- Business
- Law Enforcement
- Diplomacy
- Legal Studies
- Customs
- Medicine
- Journalism
- Social Work

Portuguese is spoken by more than 350 million people worldwide and it is the sixth most spoken language in the world, with a total of 178,000,000 speakers. In South America, there are as many Brazilian Portuguese speakers as Spanish speakers. In the United States, about 3.5 million people speak Portuguese. Brazil’s economy is one of the fastest growing economies in the world today.

The Portuguese program at OU was recently reinstated. Classes are still small, which allows students individual attention from the instructor.

Persian Major + Minor

- Business
- Intellgence
- Diplomacy
- Government
- NGOs
- Int'l Area Studies
- Translation

There is a shortage of Persian language specialists in the United States. The US government has designated Persian as a critical language and is actively encouraging students to study it. The Persian language is spoken by over 100 million people, spanning a territory that includes present-day Iran, Afghanistan, and Tajikistan. Students at OU will be introduced to the one thousand year literary history of the Persian language and the contemporary spoken language.

OU also has one of the few Iranian Studies Programs in the nation and regularly offers courses in Persian history and politics, as well as additional cultural and academic programming. OU plans to offer an Iranian Studies minor soon.

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Linguistics Major + Minor

- Speech Pathology
- Language Pedagogy
- Forensics
- Advertising
- Branding
- Consulting

Linguistics is the study of the science of language. It examines the structure of words, sentences, and meaning, and it works to describe human speech sounds and their patterns.

Linguistics also has many applied areas such as pragmatics, first and second language acquisition, sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics, cognitive science, language policy, and language revitalization.

Arabic Major + Minor + Flagship

- Intelligence
- Business
- Government
- NGOs
- Int’l Area Studies
- Translation

The native language of nearly a quarter billion people, in over 20 countries in the Middle East and North Africa, Arabic is the fifth most widely spoken language today. Learning Arabic opens the door to a 1,500-year heritage including literature, sciences, philosophy, Islam and other religions.

OU’s Arabic Flagship program offers scholarships and the chance to combine five years of Arabic study with any major. OU has study abroad opportunities in Egypt, Jordan, and Morocco.

Chinese Major + Minor

- Intelligence
- Business
- Foreign Services
- Government

China is one of the largest trading partners of the United States. Many US companies do business in China and have long-term investments there.

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German is the most widely spoken first language in the European Union. German is also the second most widely spoken second language in Europe, only slightly behind English.

BMW, Bayer, Siemens, Volkswagen, Deutsche Bank, Krupp, and Mercedes are just a few of the hundreds of large German firms that do extensive business with the US and which recruit American college graduates who speak German and who are willing to work on both sides of the Atlantic. The number of Americans who speak German is actually declining, making German a very marketable skill!

Study abroad for a summer, semester, or year at one of our many German-speaking partner universities.

Hebrew is one of only a handful of ancient languages spoken today. Hebrew is a valuable tool for disciplines such as religious studies, Judaic studies, classics, Middle Eastern studies, security, literature, political science and international studies.

Although it is the 100th smallest country, Israel is a world leader in many fields: the cell phone and voice mail technology were developed in Israel and it produces more scientific papers per capita than any other nation; Israel is one of the greenest countries in water and electricity conservation and the only country in the world that entered the 21st century with a net gain in its number of trees; Israel has more museums per capita than any other country, a long history since Biblical times, and fabulous beaches.

Italian is spoken by more than 125 million people across the world. Learn Italian and land a job with an Italian corporation in Milan, Rome, Florence, and beyond!

Japanese is spoken by 130 million people is one of the ten most widely spoken languages in the world. Learn Japanese and land a job at an international corporation in Tokyo, Kyoto, Yamagata, and Yamaguchi in Japan.

OU Students can study abroad in St. Petersburg for up to two semesters via reciprocal exchange! Visit the outstanding collection of art at the Hermitage, explore stunning palaces, and walk in the footsteps of the heroes of Russian literature.

The US government has designated Russian as a critical language, and many agencies and departments actively recruit Russian speakers.