About

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With over 700 million speakers world-wide, Spanish and Portuguese open doors in the global community. Our program immerses students in intensive language study while also cultivating the critical and creative thinking skills that propel our interconnected world forward. With deep ties to Seattle's Spanish and Portuguese speaking communities, we offer our students unique opportunities for real-world engagement and impact.

Mission Statement

The Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies is committed to the production and transmission of knowledge of the Spanish and Portuguese languages and the literatures and cultures of Spain, Portugal, Latin America and US Latinos. We strive to fulfill this mission by providing University of Washington students the highest quality instruction, by pursuing imaginative and informed scholarship and publication, and by bringing to the university and the broader community cultural events that represent the richness and beauty of our areas of study. Our goal is to create knowledgeable and compassionate citizens, and foster in them tolerance, respect for cultural diversity, a capacity for critical thinking, and a sense of themselves as responsible members of a global community.

Additionally we strive to create a safe and secure environment for our students, administrative staff, and faculty.

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