SPANISH AND ITALIAN AT UVIC

TWO LANGUAGES, A WORLD OF CULTURES

- Learn to speak Spanish or Italian.
- Better yet: Learn both languages!
- Read great novels and watch films in Spanish and/or Italian.
- Learn to write documents in Spanish and/or Italian.
- Broaden your awareness about Spain, Latin America, Italy, and the Mediterranean.
- Take up to four years of language courses.
- Enrol in a variety of culture, literature and film courses on Spain, Latin America, Italy, and the Mediterranean.

WHAT ABOUT OUR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM?

- You can get a B.A. in Hispanic Studies, Italian Studies, Hispanic and Italian Studies combined, or Mediterranean Studies.
- You can also obtain a Certificate in Language and Cultural Proficiency in Spanish or Italian.
- Contact our office (spanit@uvic.ca) to get more information about our offerings.

WHAT COURSES CAN I TAKE?

- Start from scratch and enrol in beginners Spanish and/or Italian. No previous knowledge is necessary.
- Do you already speak some Spanish or Italian? We will place you in the right level.

SO YOU ALREADY HAVE AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE?

- Ask us about our Masters (M.A. programs) in Hispanic Studies and in Hispanic & Italian Studies.

* The Latin American Studies Program also offers a B.A. Contact the Program for more information (albakoch@uvic.ca)

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**after graduation...**

**SPANISH**
- There are 550 million speakers of Spanish in the world, and it is spoken in 31 countries.
- Take advantage of the shifting focus on the part of Canadian business and government trade policy towards the Spanish-speaking world.
- Spanish will give you access to the large Hispanic communities in the United States, Canada’s chief trading partner.
- Remember that Mexico is part of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).
- Explore careers in teaching, translation, business, hotel management, the travel industry, and more.

**ITALIAN**
- Do you know Italian is one of the most widely spoken languages in Canada after English and French?
- Italian will open doors to Italian culture, society, and politics.
- As the native language of famous artists, writers and filmmakers, Italian is a great tool to understand art, music, cinema, and world literature.
- Explore careers in teaching, translation, business, design and fashion, hotel management, the travel industry, and more.

**What our graduates are saying...**

- “...My minor in Hispanic Studies gave me not only the language skills to work in this part of the world [Central America], but a broad cultural background to help me understand Latin America.”

- “...After graduating, I worked for years as a cycling and hiking guide in Tuscany, the Dolomites and other parts of Italy, sharing my enthusiasm for Italian culture, history, food and language. After five years of cycling and travel, I did a masters’ degree at the London School of Economics and wrote my thesis on Ecogastronomic Tourism and Rural Development in Tuscany (which required a lot of field research). After completing my masters, I returned to Italy to work at the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome. Now I live in Bavaria, two hours’ drive from Italy, and visit often.”

- “...With the degree I have, I feel like I could continue to teach (and be very happy doing that) or I could change careers and work in a different field if I wanted to later on. Being able to communicate in Spanish and understand the grammar, culture and literature of Hispanic cultures, has opened up many opportunities to me.”

- “...During medical school I was able to travel to a remote area of Honduras to conduct a community survey in Spanish to better understand and address the health and wellness concerns of community members. I have also found my Spanish language skills useful for interacting with the Hispanic patients I treat in British Columbia. I hope to continue to practice medicine in a global context, and of course, Latin America will always hold a special interest for me.”

**WHERE ARE OUR GRADUATES?**
- teaching
- working with government
- helping immigrants and refugees in the U.S.
- involved in sporting event management in Spain
- participating in environmental projects for the U.N. in Colombia
- volunteering with non-profit agencies in Peru and Central America
- working with a tour company in Italy
- involved in a U.N. organization in Rome