



LCCC Major and Career Guide: Spanish

The field of language and culture expands our opportunities in an ever-changing global society and market. Obtaining a degree in Spanish increases our chances to provide resources and knowledge through communication and translation, which is vital to maintaining efficiency within a global environment. Increasing mastery of a foreign language is a preferred or minimum qualification for several career opportunities in the United States.

➔ Skills

Active Learning	Learning Strategies
Active Listening	Monitoring
Complex Problem Solving	Reading Comprehension
Coordination	Service Orientation
Creativity	Social Perceptiveness
Critical Thinking	Speaking
Instructing	Time Management
Judgment and Decision Making	Writing
Leadership	

➔ Making the Most of Your Academic Experience

Academics – Tips for Success

- Take an active role in your academics (getting good grades, attending class, and engaging in classroom discussion)
- Get to know your faculty (make a point to stop by during their office hours)
- Ask good questions
- Use your professional associations to learn more about the field

➔ Leadership, Internships, and Networking

Get involved- Be a leader on campus by joining a student organization.

Examples: International Ambassadors; Eye to Eye; Rotaract; Phi Theta Kappa; Student Government Association Campus Activities Board; or Residence Hall Council

Volunteering for education related experiences will enhance your knowledge of the field while giving back to the community.

Talking to people in the field about their experiences allows you to gain perspective about day to day responsibilities and increases your professional network.

Informational Interviewing 101- Resource

lccc.wy.edu/Documents/Services/Career_Center/Informational%20Interviewing%20101.pdf

➔ Part-time opportunities and internships

- Work specifically in diverse settings such as, schools, nonprofits, service sector and government agencies.
- Think about the transferable skills that you need to work in the language and culture industry and choose part-time employment that will enable you to gain experience in those areas.
- To search for part-time jobs go to the LCCC Career Center Online Resource Library lccc.wy.edu/services/careerCenter/Resource-Library.aspx (Search- Topics: Job Search and Industry Cluster: Arts, Audio/Video Technology and Communication, Education and Training, Hospitality and Tourism, Human Services, Social Science and Humanities or Marketing, Sales and Service) and/or College Central Network or online job posting site.



➔ Interests

Investigative – Interest in problem solving, research and analyzing.

Social – Interest in helping others grow and develop

Artistic – Interest in creative activities and self-expression.

➔ Questions to Consider

- Do you like to work with people of other cultures?
- Are you interested in working in service-orientated career fields?
- Are you interested in teaching?
- Do you like to learn about other cultures and perspectives?
- Are you interested in studying abroad in a location where Spanish is the native language?
- Do you like to travel?
- Would you like to increase your job opportunities and compensation?

➤ Sample Occupations

(Certificate (C), Associate (AA), Bachelor (BA), and Beyond)

Airline Services	Language Analysis (B or Beyond)
Business Executive (B or Beyond)	Law (Beyond)
Booking and Reservations	Law Enforcement (C, A, B)
Civil Service	Library Science (Beyond)
Computer Services	Linguistics (B or Beyond)
Counseling (Beyond)	Logistics and Transportation (C, A, or B)
Customer Services	Management
Customs (A, B or Beyond)	Manufacturing (C, A, B)
Diplomacy (B or Beyond)	Middle School Teachers (B or Beyond)
Director of a Non-profit (B or Beyond)	Public Relations (B or Beyond)
Engineering/Technical (Beyond)	Research (B or Beyond)
Foreign Language Teachers, Postsecondary (Beyond)	Sales
Foreign Service (B or Beyond)	Secondary School Teachers (B or Beyond)
Health Services (B or Beyond)	Security and Protection (CD or A)
Immigration/Naturalization (A, B or Beyond)	Student Affairs (B or Beyond)
Intelligence (B or Beyond)	Study Abroad Programs (B or Beyond)
Interpreters and Translators (B or Beyond)	Travel Services/Guidance
International Student Services (B or Beyond)	Tutors
Journalism/Broadcasting (A or B)	Web Designer (C, A, or B)

➤ Sample Employers

SOSi	Cheyenne Judicial System
State of Wyoming	Bank of America
Laramie County Schools District 1&2	H & R Block
Allstate	Humana
Cheyenne Regional Medical Center	Well Fargo
Walmart Distribution Center	Lowe's
Cheyenne Police Department	US Bank Corps

➤ Sample Work Settings

Airports	Healthcare
Banks	International Companies
Colleges and Universities	K-12 Schools
Financial Management	Non-profit Organizations
Government Agencies (local, state, and federal)	Retail Stores
	Social Work

➤ Salary (For more salary information go to onetonline.org)

Occupation	Median Salary U.S. Yearly	Median Salary Wyoming Yearly	US Employment change, 2014-2024 -Percentage
Interpreters and Translators (Bachelor Degree)	\$46,120	\$45,352	16.7
Secondary School Teachers (Bachelor Degree)	\$55,800	\$52,215	7.5
Social and Community Service Managers (Bachelor Degree)	\$64,680	\$61,530	15.7
Customer Service Representatives	\$32,300	\$30,297	4.9
Public Relations and Fundraising Managers	\$107,320	\$93,952	10.4



➤ Professional Associations

- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
- International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language
- Association of International Educators
- Council on International Educational Exchange
- Foreign Policy Association Student Corner
- National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators
- National Council on Interpreting in Health Care

➤ Additional Resources

LCCC Department Spanish Program
Website: lccc.wy.edu/programs/spanish/index.aspx
LCCC Academic Advising: lccc.wy.edu/academics/services/advising/index.aspx
LCCC Career Center:
lccc.wy.edu/services/careerCenter/index.aspx

Resources used: O*NET OnLine: onetonline.org and *What Can I do with this Major?:* <http://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/>
 Laramie County Community College; Career Center and School of Arts and Humanities
 1400 E College Drive, Cheyenne WY 82007

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