SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE
in the Faculty of Arts and Science
A reference for prospective students

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The Department of Spanish and Portuguese offers programs in languages, cultures and literatures of the Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking worlds. You can learn to speak Spanish or Portuguese, or improve the practical knowledge you might already have of these languages. The department's offerings in language, literature and culture include all levels of language, as well as film, literary history, cultural studies, language for business and individual courses in topics of current cultural or political interest. You can combine your studies in Spanish and Portuguese with courses offered in other areas, such as history, anthropology, political science, other language and literature programs, or even the applied and natural sciences to create a challenging undergraduate program.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEGREE IN SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE?
With a practical knowledge of Spanish or Portuguese (or both), you make yourself valuable in a whole spectrum of commercial, diplomatic, or academic career options. Spanish is the third most widely spoken language in the world, and Portuguese is spoken by more than 100 million people on four continents.

Graduates of the department pursue careers in business or finance (for example in importing/exporting, international trading, working in computers and computer technology), the diplomatic service, or university teaching and research. Alternatively, you might apply interests in Spanish and Portuguese to studies in law or medicine.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IN FIRST YEAR?
You should take our first-year course in Spanish or Portuguese. These courses, SPA 100Y and PRT 100Y, are intensive introductions to the spoken and written language. If you already speak some Spanish or Portuguese, or have a senior high school credit in language, you are eligible to proceed immediately to a higher level; the Department of Spanish and Portuguese will help you to determine your need for Spanish and Portuguese?

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SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE PROGRAMS
Spanish and Portuguese offers three different kinds of programs, depending on how many courses you would like to take: specialist (nine courses), major (seven courses), or minor (four courses). You can also enrol in a "combined specialist program", which means that you create a joint degree program between Spanish or Portuguese and other foreign languages, literatures, and linguistics. The Department of Spanish and Portuguese also offers you opportunities to do some of your undergraduate study abroad in Spain, Portugal or Latin America as part of your work towards a U of T degree. The department offers summer courses at the University of Guadalajara in Mexico through the Faculty’s International Summer Program.

WHAT HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION DO I NEED FOR SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE?
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right place, and your senior high school credit may exempt you from the first-year prerequisite. If you are placed at a higher level, you could also simultaneously enrol in a culture or introductory literature course.

Students in the Faculty of Arts and Science select their program of study after first year (or upon completion of four full courses.)

STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATIONS

There are student associations in Spanish and Portuguese that offer a wide variety of activities. Getting involved in these organizations is a great idea, because you'll have a chance to meet other students in the department who have interests similar to yours. You might even decide to run for one of the elected positions in the organizations. Whatever the case, the student associations help you feel at home and provide an opportunity to meet other very interesting people! For information, please contact the department at (416) 813-4080.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

For further information on programs in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, contact the undergraduate co-ordinator at (416) 813-4082. The department also has a home page on the web at www.chass.utoronto.ca/spanish_portuguese/.

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