Achieving an excellent education is about many things: becoming a well-educated citizen, gaining knowledge for thoughtful and well-considered decisions, engaging your curiosity, and developing skills that will contribute to the greater good, for example. In addition, your education also prepares you to pursue a wide variety of career paths.

Depth of knowledge generally refers to the information and ways of thinking that are directly related to your academic major. In addition, you have developed an incredibly important set of more general skills: to think analytically and critically; to view issues in context and from multiple perspectives; to ask and address questions about ethical and societal implications; to pursue research; to engage your creativity; and to communicate complex issues clearly. Thus, Spanish & Portuguese Studies majors offer an array of skills which are highly valued by employers from all sectors.

Many Possibilities. Because your major is not narrowly focused on specific career paths, you have a wide array of professional options. While this kind of career flexibility is definitely good news, it does require you to be more proactive in identifying and articulating your skills to potential employers.

Ready for the Work World. Five top critical skills identified by employers in a recent national survey were:

- Ability to communicate clearly
- Interpersonal / Teamwork skills
- Problem-solving and decision-making abilities
- Ability to find and process information
- Ability to plan, organize, and prioritize

You have undoubtedly developed these skills while studying at UW.

JOB SKILLS RELATED TO SPANISH & PORTUGUESE STUDIES MAJORS

Here are even more career-related skills and strengths that employers value:

- Read/interpret/synthesize complex material
- See situations from multiple perspectives
- Communicate in more than one language
- Produce effective persuasive writing
- Write/revise for wide variety of audiences
- Understand & appreciate cultural variations
- Design and implement engaging presentations
- Understand nuance and subtlety
- Handle ambiguity adeptly
- Apply mental agility to creative problem-solving
- Understand the broader context
- Gather, analyze, organize, interpret data
- Summarize concisely and accurately
- Link abstract concepts to practical applications
- Perceive patterns, structures, relationships
- Understand human nature & its variations
- Identify and explore implications
- Propose and support recommendations
- Simultaneously see big picture and details
- Engage intellectual curiosity
- Conduct research
- Bring motivation, imagination, enthusiasm, initiative
- Compare, contrast information / Draw conclusions
- Work well individually and on teams
- Understand how data can be interpreted in multiple ways
- Write, revise, edit, proofread
- And many more!

NEXT PAGE: ACTUAL JOBS IN THESE THREE CATEGORIES:

1. Spanish is required/preferred and the job’s primary duties directly relate to your major
2. Spanish is required/preferred but job’s primary duties aren’t directly related to your major (Entry-Level)
3. Spanish isn’t required or preferred but your transferable skills make you highly qualified (Entry-Level)
1. Spanish is required/preferred & the job's primary duties directly relate to your major (Some Entry-Level):
   - Spanish Linguists (MetLang)
   - Senior Translator (Moffitt Cancer Center)
   - Translator (many)
   - Medical Interpreter (many)

2. Spanish is required/preferred but job's primary duties aren't directly related to your major (Entry-Level):
   - Bilingual Case Manager (English/Spanish) (Sequel Youth and Family Services)
   - Hispanic Marketing Manager (DIRECTV)
   - Localization Analyst (Riot Games)
   - Language Game Tester (Blizzard Entertainment)
   - Compliance Specialist (Amazon)
   - Risk Investigator (Amazon)
   - Office Supervisor-Market Research (CRG Global)
   - Online Content Writer (C-4 Analytics)
   - Financial Solutions Advisor (Bank of America)
   - Bilingual Staffing Coordinator/Recruiter (American Resource Staffing Network)
   - Student Activities Coordinator (College Preparatory Academy)
   - Women's Health Advocate (Whole Woman's Health)
   - Sports Communication Manager (CBS - Showtime)
   - Outreach Coordinator (University of North Carolina)
   - Communication Specialist (Navex Global)
   - Intake Coordinator (Hear Our Voices)
   - Resource Counselor (Adopt A Family of Marin)
   - Legal Assistant - Immigration (Nueva Esperanza)
   - Programs Coordinator (Bellevue LifeSpring)
   - Paralegal/Case Handler - Foreclosure Prevention Project (New York Legal Assistance Group)
   - Bilingual Data Collector (University of North Carolina)
   - Community/Social Media Manager (Lopez Negrete)
   - Social Insurance Specialist (Disability Examiner) (Social Security Administration)
   - Human Services Specialist (State of Oregon)
   - Bilingual Patient Concierge Representative (Arizona Pain Specialists)

3. Spanish isn't required or preferred but your transferable skills make you highly qualified (Entry-Level):
   - Associate Account Strategist, University Graduate Program (Google)
   - Service Coordinator (Choice Program)
   - Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator (EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases)
   - Research Associate (Environmental Law Institute)
   - Knowledge Assistant (Children's Law Center)
   - Recruitment & Admissions Assistant (Fund for American Studies)
   - Partner Support Coordinator (Kiva Microfunds)
   - Assistant Community Outreach Coordinator (Next Step Living)
   - Change Corps Assistant Organizing Director (Work for Progress)
   - Investigative Advocate (Disability Rights Washington)
   - City Year - Corps Member (City Year Seattle/King County)
   - Financial Advisor (ING Financial Partners)
   - Patient Services Representative (Seattle Reproductive Medicine)
   - Outreach Coordinator (MedBridge Education)
   - Junior Project Manager (HealthPath Education)
   - Internet Marketing Specialist (Chair 10 Marketing)
   - Immigration Assistant/Receptionist (Law Firm)
   - Marketing Coordinator (Yext)
   - Account Coordinator, Employee Benefits (MCM)
   - Executive Team Leader (Target)

More: Project Manager, Social Media Campaign Developer, Policy and Advocacy Specialist

These are just some examples. The Career Center can help you find positions that meet your goals!