The Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies offers a Minor in Italian and Italian American Studies. Through course work, study abroad and internship experience, mentoring, and other social and cultural encounters, the minor advances learners' proficiency in global communication skills, critical thinking and problem solving, and engagement with the ideological and concrete realities of their own world, enhancing their opportunities for careers and advanced study at the local, national, and international levels.

### Portuguese

Portuguese serves the Spanish major through its courses for speakers of Romance languages.

### Study Abroad Programs—Spanish

The Spanish program strongly encourages all majors to take advantage of the variety of study abroad opportunities in Spanish-speaking countries available to UIC students, including faculty-led summer programs in Alcalá de Henares, Spain and Oaxaca, Mexico. A significant portion of the credits for the major in Spanish may be earned through Study Abroad Programs. Majors will be awarded credit hours for courses completed abroad that are equivalent to courses offered at UIC by the Spanish Program. Approval for course equivalencies is required from the director of undergraduate studies for the Spanish program. For information on other study abroad opportunities please visit the UIC Study Abroad Office.

### Study Abroad Programs—Italian

The Italian program encourages all students to take advantage of the variety of study abroad opportunities in Italy available to UIC students (e.g., faculty-directed programs, Fall or Spring term, or Summer term). Students who wish to be considered for study abroad should consult the director of undergraduate studies concerning prerequisites and requirements. For general information about study abroad opportunities, please visit the UIC Study Abroad office.

### Endorsement for the Teaching of Spanish

Endorsement is available to students obtaining full licensure in an approved UIC Teacher Education major. To teach Spanish as a second subject in Illinois public schools one must apply for, meet all requirements, and receive an Endorsement from the State Board of Education. For information on requirements and application procedures for a second subject endorsement in Spanish, contact the Council on Teacher Education.

### Endorsement for the Teaching of Italian

Endorsement is available to students obtaining full licensure in an approved UIC Teacher Education major. To teach Italian as a second subject in Illinois public schools one must apply for, meet all requirements, and receive an Endorsement from the State Board of Education. For information on requirements and application procedures for a second subject endorsement in Italian, contact the Council on Teacher Education.

### Distinction

Students who earn a 3.75/4.00 GPA in all courses taken in the Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies at UIC will be awarded departmental distinction.

### Degree Programs

- BA with a Major in Spanish
- BA in the Teaching of Spanish
- BA with a Major in Italian (suspended)
Minors
• Minor in Spanish
• Minor in Spanish for the Professions
• Minor in Italian and Italian American Studies

Campus Certificates
• Certificate for Academic Spanish for Heritage Speakers