

# a minor in Spanish Language and Culture

at Brevard College



Did you know that 14 percent of the world's Spanish-speaking population lives in the United States? That is about 43 million people! Hispanics are now the largest minority group with one out of every four children in the U.S. under five of Hispanic origin. Spanish is no longer a "foreign" language in the United States. If you want to conduct business, provide a service to your community or simply know your neighbors, then you should know Spanish and the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world.

The unique minor in Spanish Language and Culture offered by Brevard College combines study at Brevard College with a semester abroad at the Amistad Institute, located in a charming community near Heredia, Costa Rica.

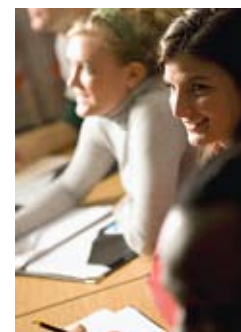
Students will have the opportunity to completely immerse themselves in Spanish by taking classes at Amistad, by living with and being included in the activities of their friendly host family, and by participating in a volunteer project of their choice. Students will become part of the community and will make lasting friendships as they enjoy the natural beauty and the peaceful life style of Costa Rica.

The combination of classroom study and travel abroad is a wonderful opportunity for immersion, improvement of Spanish-speaking skills and a chance to experience the culture of Costa Rica. This is a minor for students who are serious about learning Spanish, and who see Costa Rica as an opportunity to expand themselves academically, socially and personally.

Students who have never had Spanish will need to take Spanish 101, 102, 201 and 202 before taking the advanced level courses. Those who have taken Spanish in high school may take a placement test or talk with the Program Coordinator to find their level.

Prior to study in Costa Rica, all students must take Brevard College's Advanced Grammar (Spanish 301) and Composition and Advanced Conversation (Spanish 302).

Students will take a minimum of 12 hours in Costa Rica so that they will be considered full time students. The courses are Advanced Spanish, The Culture of Costa Rica and Costa Rican Spanish. Students will earn the last three hours of credit in



Costa Rica through a volunteer project of their choosing, which may include community education, community service, an eco-project, local medical assistance or another area of interest.

Each week will include an excursion to a local spot for exploration and/or further study. Student-athletes may also join a local team in their sport in order to connect with the community and stay in shape while away from Brevard.

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All BC students will be housed with local families. Students will have a private room and have all meals with their host family. Families are chosen based on their desire to “adopt” a BC student and are extremely hospitable and very friendly. There will be just one student per family. On the weekends, students can enjoy activities with their family or travel if they wish.

### **How will Spanish benefit my major at Brevard College?**

Fluency in the Spanish language will enhance almost every major at Brevard College. Imagine the value of this second language for careers in education, business, criminal justice or wilderness leadership/experiential education! Consider this minor as an excellent way to enhance your resume for almost any career of your choosing. Some careers you may wish to choose include: advertising, public relations, small business, law enforcement, immigration, education or health care.



### **Scholarship Information:**

The Humanities Division awards scholarships to upperclass students who have declared their major and excelled in the classroom. New first-year students and transfer students may qualify for academic scholarships for academic scholarships from \$3,000 to full tuition through the Admission Office as well as need-based financial aid as a result of filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

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### **Read what a recent graduate said about travel abroad:**

*“A semester in Costa Rica was hands down one of the best experiences of my life simply because of the people, los Ticos! The friendly Costa Ricans invite you into their lives as if you were one of their own children, and they just love that you desire to know and learn more about their language and culture.”*

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