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Did you know?

Did you know that Spanish is the fourth most widely spoken language in the world? And that the United States ranks fourth among countries with the highest population of Spanish speakers, with Mexico in first place? To keep pace with the rising national and international importance of Spanish, the Department of Spanish at San Diego State University, Imperial Valley campus offers ample opportunities to develop a career in Spanish or to acquire a solid background in Spanish that could be extremely useful in virtually all professional areas. At San Diego State University, Imperial Valley, students can pursue a Bachelors Degree with a major in Spanish, a minor in Spanish or a Certificate in Court Interpreting. In addition, they can enroll in elective Spanish courses and also complete some of the course requirements for the Master of Arts degree in Spanish offered at the San Diego campus.

Spanish Department at SDSU – IV

At the Imperial Valley campus, students have hands-on experiences and interactions with Hispanic culture and Spanish language to reinforce their studies in a wide range of courses. Students may choose both canonical and non-canonical literature courses that cover everything, from Cervantes' *Don Quixote* to the Mexican *narcocorrido* and, of course, the literature of the Chicano people, among many other fascinating offerings. In addition to courses in Peninsular and Latin American literature, the faculty of the Department of Spanish at the Imperial Valley campus teach a variety of courses in conversation, composition, civilization, linguistics, and several options of Spanish for the professions.

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