The Spanish major is a designated Capstone Major. Seniors complete a capstone seminar that reflects current trends in the discipline and provides unique opportunity to work closely with a faculty member on a focused topic of research. Students are expected to give a formal class report and write a research paper. Graduates in Spanish will be able to:

- demonstrate a mastery of the Spanish language, both written and oral.
- demonstrate, within the context of a specialized topic in Spanish and Spanish American studies, specific skills and expertise acquired in earlier coursework, including research, analysis, and writing.
- identify and analyze appropriate primary sources.
- acquire a working knowledge of scholarly discourse relative to a specialized topic.
- conceive and execute research projects that identify and engage with a specialized topic.
- engage with a community of scholars, presenting one’s own work to peers and helping to further the work of those peers through discussion and critique.