Broader in scope than the traditional minor which emphasizes linguistic competence, the Spanish Studies minor combines systematic language study with courses in geography, history, civilization, and politics to enhance students’ understanding of the global context of the language they have chosen to study. A languages studies minor requires 18 approved semester credits, including nine credits of language and civilization study beyond the intermediate level (SPAN 311, SPAN 312 and a civilization course in the language), a six-credit sequence in history, and an approved three-credit elective in Anthropology, Geography, or Political Science; study abroad is strongly encouraged.