

# SPANISH STUDIES FOR BUSINESS STUDENTS, CERTIFICATE

Did you know that by 2050 the United States could have more Spanish speakers than any other country (<http://qz.com/441174/by-2050-united-states-will-have-more-spanish-speakers-than-any-other-country/>)?

Spanish continues to gain ground as a widely spoken, national and international language, making the ability to communicate effectively in both written and spoken Spanish an invaluable intellectual, social, cultural, and professional resource. Spanish is the official or co-official language of 21 countries, and with more than 400 million speakers worldwide (projected increase to about 530 million by 2050), it is the third most widely spoken language on the planet after Mandarin and English.