



# Advanced Spanish Language Studies

New student admissions for  
Summer 2025 are open.



## Program Highlights

- Professional Spanish for Leadership: Students develop skills to use Spanish in formal, civic, and professional settings
- Advanced Argumentation and Persuasive Communication: guides students to structure logical, compelling arguments.
- Civic Engagement and Real-World Problem Solving: Students gain hands-on experience analyzing contemporary issues, preparing them to make informed, impactful contributions to their communities and beyond.



## 2025 Dates

- Session 2: July 20 - August 1



## Academic Program Overview

Tailored for high-achieving high school students, who desire to improve their voice, impact, and action this course immerses participants in professional Spanish, providing them with the tools to communicate effectively on pressing issues and advocate for real-world solutions with clarity and confidence.

Throughout the program, students engage with topics impacting California communities, including environmental sustainability, labor rights, and water resource management. Each student selects an area of focus, developing a research-based, solution-oriented presentation. This process enables students to delve into issues they care about, strengthening their ability to craft persuasive arguments that are culturally informed and resonate with diverse audiences.



## Excursions

Students will visit a local organization to develop vocabulary and knowledge to prepare an advocacy strategy. Students may also visit a city council meeting or policy workshop to observe the language and structure of formal dialogue and debate.

## Instructor

Marion Hart, Lecturer  
Cal Poly SLO

Marion Hart Advanced Spanish Language Studies Cal Poly SLO Dr. Marion Hart is an experienced educator and program coordinator specializing in language instruction, bilingual advocacy and civic engagement. With almost two decades in language education, Marion is also the Director of Spanish Language Debate. Her work focuses on building students' skills in argumentation, public speaking, and cultural awareness, preparing them for success in academic and civic spaces. Marion has a Masters and Doctorate from UC Irvine and is a dedicated advocate for programs that support bilingual education and community engagement across California.

## Tuition Information:

### Residential Students

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- **Excludes:** optional airport pickup and drop-off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price:** \$5,298

### Commuter Students

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner, weekend excursions
  - Weekend excursions can be added on for \$125 per day
- **Price:** \$2,998

## Supplements:

- Application fee: starting at \$99 (mandatory, nonrefundable)
- Tuition Protection Plan: Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click [here](#) for more info.

[More info on Airport Transfer](#)

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## Course Structure

There are nine 3-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9am-12pm, Monday - Friday. During week two, students have class from 9am-12pm Monday through Thursday. Wednesday afternoons are dedicated to additional academic time (excursions, speakers).



## Typical Schedule

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Academic Course
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1:30 p.m.	Academic Excursion/ Recreational Activity
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3:30 p.m.	College Readiness Workshops or True You
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5:00 p.m.	Commuter Students Depart
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6:00 p.m.	Dinner
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7:00 p.m.	Clubs
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10:30 p.m.	Mentor Check-In

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