

# SOUTH CAROLINA CENTRO LATINO

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The South Carolina Centro Latino (SCCL) bridges cultures statewide through linguistic awareness and accessibility. Our three pillars create institutional space for belonging, civility, wellness and equity: Latinx Interdisciplinary Studies, the Public Humanities, and Translation and Community Interpreting. The SCCL also studies the Spartanburg Racial Equity Index's findings on monumental challenges facing Hispanics and Latinos/as. For more information about the Center, please email [sccl@uscupstate.edu](mailto:sccl@uscupstate.edu).

## SCCL will seek to carry out its mission through a variety of initiatives that include:

- Organizing Latina/o Interdisciplinary Studies Talks on Civic Leadership and Mentoring
- Hosting a "Latinas in Higher Ed Summit"
- Hosting research forums on local and global impacts of migration
- Expanding a Global Studies Minor and Certificate
- Increasing interdisciplinary and multilingual public humanities scholarship
- Sponsoring podcasts, interactive lectures and other public-facing work in other languages
- Expanding the Alicante Study Abroad Program
- Expanding a Service Learning in Translation and Community Interpreting Studies Minor
- Training state professionals for Translation and Interpreting in School Settings
- Offering Translation and Interpreting courses for school districts in South Carolina
- Developing Translation and Interpreting certificate courses for law enforcement
- Hosting an annual international Translation and Interpreting Conference
- Supporting Scholarship in Translation and Community Interpreting Studies
- Building on the legacy of the Unidos US Líderes Avanzando Through College Program
- Providing services to parents in English, Spanish and other languages
- Supporting a Latinx Employee Resource Group (ERG)

## Spanish Translation/Interpreting Minor

Students pursuing the minor in Spanish Translation and Community Interpreting learn theories of translation and interpreting, study ethical guidelines for working as a translator or interpreter and apply their skills in service learning projects for area non-profit organizations. More than forty nonprofits locally and around the state have engaged our minors in service learning and internship opportunities in an effort to do outreach to the growing Spanish-speaking community in South Carolina, the Southeast and beyond. Students gain valuable interdisciplinary experience, career-readiness skills and academic and industry mentors

while working with certified translators and interpreters. Students majoring in other disciplines (such as business, healthcare, legal professions, or education and more) can prepare to be a bridge for communication in multilingual communities near and far.

## Certificate Program: Interpreting in Educational Settings

Certificate Course for bilingual professionals (every summer)

"Interpreting in Educational Settings." For more information, please visit [www.uscupstate.edu/professionalspanish](http://www.uscupstate.edu/professionalspanish) (<http://www.uscupstate.edu/professionalspanish/>)

## Spain Study Abroad Program

Spain Study Abroad with Professor Maria Francisco Montesó. For more information, please visit [www.uscupstate.edu/academics/center-for-international-studies/study-abroad/summer-and-short-term-study-abroad/](http://www.uscupstate.edu/academics/center-for-international-studies/study-abroad/summer-and-short-term-study-abroad/) (<http://www.uscupstate.edu/academics/center-for-international-studies/study-abroad/summer-and-short-term-study-abroad/>)

## Annual Panel in Translation & Community Interpreting

Annual International Translation & Interpreting Panel: Bridging Cultures through Communication (takes place during the month of March, in celebration of Upstate International Month). For more information, please visit [upstateinternational.org/ui-month/](http://www.upstateinternational.org/ui-month/) (<http://www.upstateinternational.org/ui-month/>)

Minor in Spanish Translation/Interpreting (<https://academic-catalog.uscupstate.edu/cahss/llc/spanish-translation-interpreting-minor/>)