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# ROMANCE LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

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## Fall Semester

THANKSGIVING BREAK NOVEMBER 24-28  
LAST DAY OF CLASS DECEMBER 7  
FINAL EXAMS DECEMBER 10-16

## Spring Semester

2022 SPRING REGISTRATION BEGINS  
NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 1

MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR PRIOR TO  
REGISTRATION.



# SPRING 2022



ROFR 20810 Service Learning in French

ROFR 30781 French Politics Today:  
The 2022 Presidential Election in Context

ROSP 30790 Iberian Frontiers

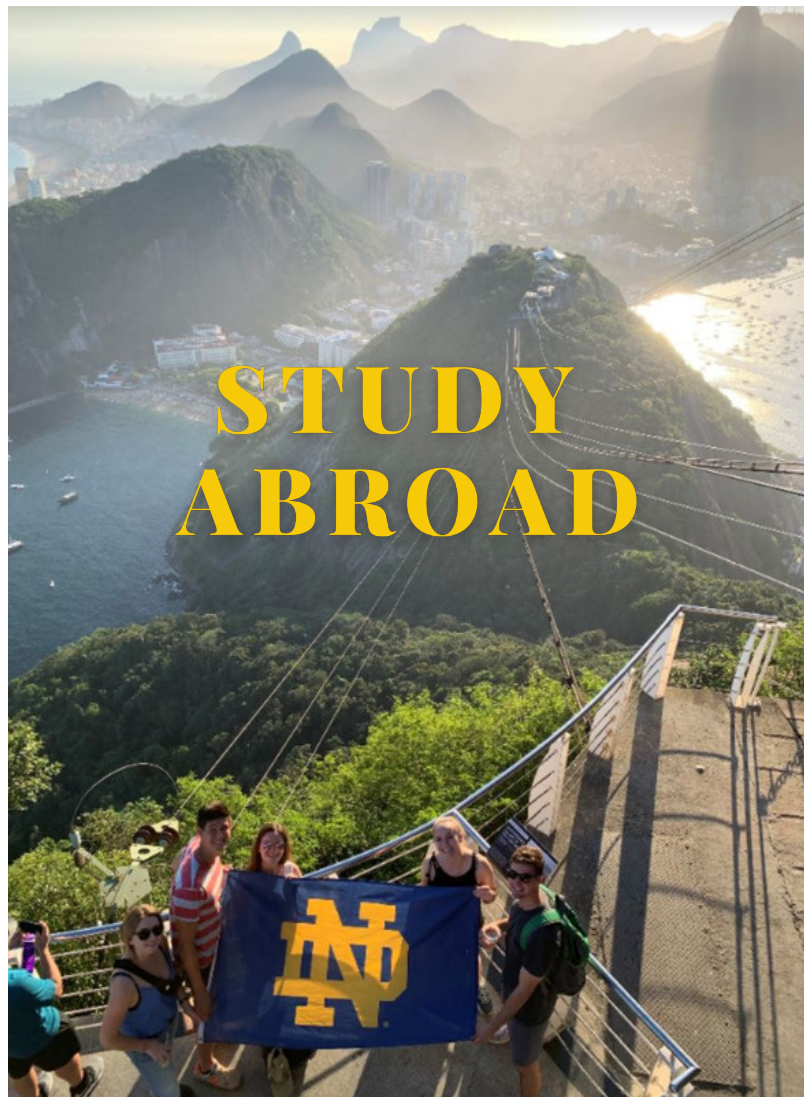
ROSP 30890 Race and Human Rights  
in the Caribbean and Diaspora

ROSP 40893 Afrolatinidades

ROSP 40985 The End of Work

Romance Languages and Literatures  
Course Offerings for Spring 2022





# STUDY ABROAD

## FRENCH SPEAKING LOCATIONS

- ANGERS
- PARIS

## ITALIAN SPEAKING LOCATIONS

- ROME GLOBAL GATEWAY
- BOLOGNA

## PORTUGUESE SPEAKING LOCATIONS

- BRAZIL

## SPANISH SPEAKING LOCATIONS

- SANTIAGO, CHILE
- PUEBLA, MEXICO
- TOLEDO, SPAIN

## Department Life

Check out our news and events page for upcoming activities and engagements.

**news +**  
**events**

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## Did You Know?

STUDY ABROAD HAS  
A SUMMER PROGRAM

- Brazil
- Mexico City
- Paris
- Santiago
- Toledo

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# Student SPOTLIGHT Alena Coleman



"For me, my classes in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures have defined my time at Notre Dame. During my time, I have had the chance to deepen my knowledge of the Spanish language and begin learning French. My Spanish professors pushed me to extend myself beyond cursory analysis and to deeply engage with cultural artefacts from across the Spanish-speaking world. Their passion for the subject area and desire for me to succeed encouraged me to upgrade my supplementary major into a full major. Not only have I gotten to pursue my interests in literature and culture, but I also had the opportunity to participate in two CBL courses. These classes taught me that the work we do in Romance Languages is not confined to the closed walls of the academy but is intrinsically tied to the communities of which we are a part. Through translating for Holy Cross School and the Chilean organization El Hogar del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús and tutoring at La Casa, I learned that the skills I have acquired as a Spanish major can be of real use and make a positive impact in the world. I am grateful for my time in Romance Languages, which has lead me to pursue a Masters in Spanish after graduation with future hopes of pursuing a PhD".

## Spanish Major

- Spanish Honors Program.
- ENL tutor at La Casa.
- Team leader for Take Ten.
- TA for Writing and Rhetoric Tutorial.
- Treasurer of Mustard Creative Writing Club.
- Piccolo Section Leader for marching band.
- Plays the alto flute for the Notre Dame Flute Choir.

# Student SPOTLIGHT Madeline Soiney



## Spanish Major

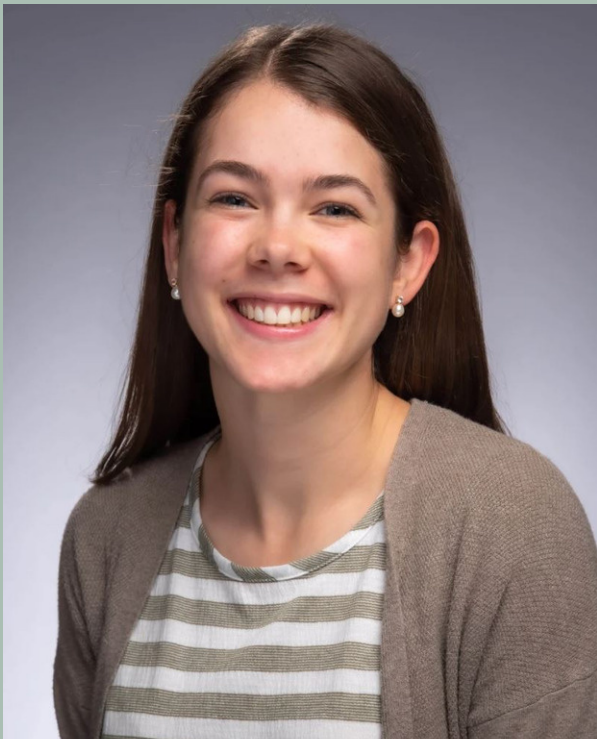
"My most rewarding Spanish classes have been Community-Based-Learning courses, through which I have been able to actively engage with the Latino community in South Bend. These courses have allowed me to use my Spanish skills in a meaningful way, and connect with members of my community. Many of these experiences included working with students to build their English skills, which motivated me to apply for a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Paraguay for next year.

I also appreciate how much flexibility and room for interdisciplinary study my Spanish major has allowed. As both a Spanish and Global Affairs major, much of my study has focused on the history, culture, and politics of Latin America. I am currently writing an Honors thesis regarding the Dominican Republic's citizenship laws, and how language has been used as a weapon against Haitian migrants. This thesis allows me to focus on my interests in human rights and migration while also exploring the role of the Spanish language in this conflict. Although I am a Spanish Major, I decided to also take French courses as pure electives in college. I have really enjoyed the opportunity to learn another Romance language, and compare French and Spanish both linguistically and culturally. Learning French has also helped me in my thesis research since it is one of the official languages of Haiti".

- Resident Assistant in Lyons Hall.
- Involved with the Student Coalition for Immigration Advocacy and Gender Relations in student government.
- Volunteered with the ADELANTE program at La Casa de Amistad.
- Logistics Co-Chair for the 2021 Human Development Conference through Kellogg Institute.
- Has worked with Notre Dame Reparations and Compliance Lab research Paraguay's compliance with international human rights law (will present to the Paraguayan Supreme Court in December).
- Has completed multiple Internships with the U.S. Department (focused on Latin America).
- Interned in the office of Andean Affairs, working on foreign policy (Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador).



# Student SPOTLIGHT Marie Teel



## French Major

- Resident Assistant in Pasquerilla West Hall.
- Co-Chair of 2022 Human Development Conference.
- Research Assistant at the Pulte Institute for Global Development.
- Tutor at Upward Bound.
- Intern at Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders at Notre Dame.
- Intern at South Bend Entrepreneurship and Adversity Program.
- Global research and Advocacy Group research assistant.
- International Summer Service Learning Program Senegal site.

"The professors in the French department have had a very positive impact on me. The wide range of expertise and backgrounds among professors makes for a really enriching learning experience. I've found that each professor is legitimately invested in the success of their students.

As someone interested in international development, the department's focus on French beyond the country of France has had a great impact on my learning. My classes have provided me with a really dynamic understanding of the French language and its applications".

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