

Spanish Club

The UNCW Spanish Club is an organization that fosters appreciation of Hispanic culture and the Spanish language both on campus and in the Wilmington community. It is one of the most active clubs on campus, with more than 30 participating members every semester. The Club meets twice a month to practice Spanish through conversation nights, dinners, games, movies, Hispanic theme parties and Hispanic dance lessons, among many other activities. Every semester the Club welcomes international students; these young people and those from the U.S. become life-long friends. Spanish Club also partners with other organizations on campus--such as the Latino Book Club--to raise funds for bilingual books and *Mi Gente* to sponsor Hispanic related events on campus.

The Club also takes pride in helping the Hispanic community in Wilmington by providing tutoring and childcare to Hispanic children. Spanish club works hand-in-hand with Forest Hills Elementary School, where a Spanish Club was created to help children stay in touch with Spanish. (Budget cuts had forced Forest Hills to eliminate its Spanish language program.) Currently, the Club helps Forest Hills with its first fully bilingual program in New Hanover County. Students provide tutoring for all students involved in the program and assist the teacher with any other assignments as well. In addition, Spanish Club works with Cape Fear Community College to help Hispanic adults learn English. The Club provides child care to Hispanic children while parents attend English as a Second Language classes. Finally, Spanish Club assists with the annual Latino Festival and enjoys taking on new challenges to encourage Wilmington's on and off-campus communities to increase their awareness and appreciation of Spanish language and Hispanic culture.

