

SPANISH, M.A.

Credits: 30
CIP Code: 160905

Program Overview

Students in the **Master of Arts Degrees in Spanish** pursue the goals of speaking, reading, writing and listening, with emphasis on the traditional model of language, literature, culture and methodology. All students acquire superior reading and translation skills adequate for easy comprehension of scholarly articles in French or Spanish and have a thorough familiarity with major periods, authors and techniques of literary criticism.

Admissions Requirements

In addition to the General Admissions Requirements as published in this Catalog, applicants to the **Master of Arts Degree in Spanish** must have completed an undergraduate major in the language of specialization. Most graduate courses in the Department are conducted in the target language. Applicants must be able to

1. understand the spoken language,
2. participate in class discussions, and
3. write papers in Spanish.

If after beginning the degree program, a student's proficiency in these basic skills is so minimal that his/her classroom performance is seriously impaired, he/she will be asked to withdraw

Program Objectives

1. Introduce students to study of a modern foreign language, linguistics, civilization, literature, and cultural expressions.
2. Provide advanced level of learning for mastery of nature, function and structure of language sounds, vocabulary, and syntax.
3. Assist student in developing superior reading, writing, and translation skills for comprehension, critique and communication of scholarly works in Spanish.
4. Expose students to major body of works, periods, authors and techniques of literary criticism in Spanish culture.
5. Prepare students for advanced studies, employment and careers that require French or Spanish as a second language.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students pursuing the **Master of Arts Degree in Spanish** will:

1. Demonstrate proficiency in oral communication in Spanish with native fluency.
2. Utilize appropriate language, vocabulary, and grammatical construct in written Spanish communication.
3. Analyze and interpret artistic, philosophical, social, and historical body of works to identify their significance to Spanish cultures.
4. Apply a wide range of literary and factual knowledge, techniques of literary criticism and interpretation of diverse cultural patterns in developing research-based thesis.

Degree Requirements

Students must complete the following requirements:

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
CSPA 513		3
CSPA 514		3
CSPA 515		3
CSPA 516		3
Electives		
Select four of the following:		12
CSPA 509		
CSPA 510		
CSPA 511		
CSPA 517		
CSPA 620		
CSPA 622		
CSPA 623		
CSPA 625		
CSPA 628		
CSPA 640		
Thesis Research		
Complete thesis requirement		6
Total Hours		30

Thesis Research

Students must submit an acceptable thesis in the form of a scholarly presentation of a research problem and present an oral defense of both the thesis proposal and the completed thesis. Six (6) credits will be awarded for completing the thesis requirement. The thesis topic must be approved by the student's major advisor/chair and members of the thesis committee.

Qualifying Examination

Students must pass a written examination in the major and minor fields of study and an oral defense of the written examination.

Final Examination

Candidates must pass a final examination, which is the oral defense of the thesis.

Students may substitute six (6) graduate credits of coursework in Spanish for the master's thesis.

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Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
CSPA 513		3
CSPA 514		3
CSPA 515		3
		Hours
		9
Second Semester		
CSPA 516		3
CSPA XXX	Elective	3
CSPA XXX	Elective	3
		Hours
		9

Second Year

First Semester

CSPA XXX	Elective	3
CSPA XXX	Elective	3
Hours		6

Second Semester

Select one of the following:		6
CSPA 805		
CSPA 510 or CSPA 625 or		
Hours		6
Total Hours		30