SPANISH - MASTER OF ARTS (MA)

Students wishing to pursue graduate work in Spanish leading to candidacy for advanced degree should carefully read the Master's Degree Requirements (catalog.colorado.edu/graduate/degree-requirements/masters-degree-requirements) section of this catalog.

Areas of Concentration

Literature Concentration

Our MA in Peninsular and Latin American literatures is designed to give the student a broad overview of the cultural productions of the Latin American and Peninsular worlds. MA students are required to take 30 hours of graduate course work.

Linguistics Concentration

Our MA in Hispanic linguistics is an interdisciplinary program that provides students with a solid foundation in linguistics through the course work taken in the Departments of Spanish and Portuguese, Linguistics, Communication, Anthropology and the School of Education. Students have the unique opportunity to work closely in collaboration with faculty to develop their areas of concentration and graduate as specialists in a wide range of topics (e.g., history of the Spanish language, Spanish in the United States, sociolinguistics, etc.)

All MA students in the Hispanic linguistics option are required to take 30 hours of graduate course work. They are required to have their course selections in linguistics approved by their advisor and the associate chair for graduate studies, but they are encouraged to develop an interdepartmental and interdisciplinary course of study. Graduate seminars offered in linguistics, sociology, psychology, anthropology and education can serve as important complements to linguistics courses taken in our department.

Requirements

General Course Requirements

The MA in Spanish is offered in two areas of concentration: one with an emphasis on literature and one with an emphasis on linguistics.

All MA students are required to complete at least 30 hours of graduate course work, at least 25 of which must be completed at CU Boulder. MA students may transfer to the department a maximum of 6 credit hours of acceptable graduate-level courses and may take no more than 6 credit hours of independent study courses.

Courses taken as part of the MA program must be offered by our department or by others upon having been approved by the student's MA supervisory committee (or the associate chair for graduate studies if the committee has not yet been formed). In addition, MA students may not take more than 9 hours of graduate course work in any given semester.

No graduate course in the department may be taken pass/fail by a graduate student in our program. This rule also applies to those courses taken in the Department of Linguistics by our MA students.

Students who are failing a course will not be allowed to drop the course, except under special circumstances. To do so, approval must be secured from the course instructor, the associate chair for graduate studies and the department chair.

Concentration Requirements

Literature Concentration

Required Courses

- SPAN 5130 Seminar: Critical Approaches to Hispanic Literature 3
- SPAN 4980 Methods Language Learn/Pedagogy 1

Electives

- One Hispanic linguistics course: 3
- SPAN 5400 Seminar: Spanish Phonology
- SPAN 5410 Seminar: Spanish Syntax
- SPAN 5430 Seminar: Hispanic Linguistics
- SPAN 5440 Seminar: Trends in Hispanic Linguistics
- SPAN 5450 Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics
- SPAN 5460 Topics in Spanish Applied Linguistics

A minimum of 3 graduate credit hours in each of the following subject areas:

- Medieval Iberian literature
- Early modern Spanish literature
- Colonial Spanish American literature
- 19th-century Spanish American literature
- 18th- and 19th-century Peninsular literature
- 20th- and 21st-century Peninsular literature
- 20th- and 21st-century Spanish American literature

Additional courses to fulfill the 30-credit minimum. 2

Total Credit Hours 30

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Required Courses

- LING 2000 Introduction to Linguistics 3
- SPAN 4980 Methods Language Learn/Pedagogy 1

Electives

- One Spanish graduate-level seminar. 3

Additional courses to fulfill the 30-credit minimum. 23

Total Credit Hours 30

1 Required for students who did not take a similar course as part of their previous course of study. Students who must take LING 2000 are required to do so during their first semester in the program.

Language Requirement

Students must demonstrate, as early as possible and before taking the comprehensive examination, a communication knowledge (as defined by the Graduate School) of a foreign language other than Spanish. They also must be able to speak, read and write English well.