

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 (<https://catalog.colorado.edu/graduate/degree-requirements/masters-degree-requirements/>) section of this catalog.

Areas of Concentration

Peninsular/Spanish American 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 coursework.

Hispanic Linguistics Concentration

Our MA in Hispanic linguistics is an interdisciplinary program that provides students with a solid foundation in linguistics through the coursework 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 coursework. They are required to have their course selections in linguistics approved by their advisor and the Associate Chair of 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 could serve as important complements to linguistics courses taken in our department.

Spanish & Portuguese Studies Concentration

Our MA in Spanish and Portuguese studies is designed to give the student a broad overview of the cultural productions of the Latin American and Peninsular worlds, with an emphasis on Lusophone culture. MA students are required to take PORT 2350 in their first semester of study (or place in upper Portuguese language level) and 30 hours of graduate coursework, of which 27 hours must be taken within the department. Students who are proficient in Portuguese but not in Spanish are required to take SPAN 1150 or SPAN 2150 in addition to 30 hours of graduate coursework. Graduate students in this subplan are required to have Portuguese as the main area for their MA Comprehensive Exams.

Teaching Spanish Concentration

The MA in Spanish with an emphasis in teaching Spanish offers students a broad base in literature, linguistics and language pedagogy and education, and its 31 hours of coursework are almost evenly divided between these three areas. Six of the credits in the pedagogy and education area may be taken outside of the Department. If students wish to earn a teaching license, they can apply to and concurrently enroll in the Post-Baccalaureate Secondary Spanish Teaching Licensure program, completing remaining coursework and the student teaching semester after graduation with the MA. Upon completion, students will be prepared to teach and design Spanish language curricula at the secondary and

post-secondary levels, as well as pursue further study and research in the fields of applied linguistics, second language acquisition or education.

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 coursework, 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 of Graduate Studies if the committee has not yet been formed). In addition, MA students may not take more than 9 hours of graduate coursework 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 of Graduate Studies and the department Chair.

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.

Concentration Requirements

Peninsular/Spanish American Literature Concentration

The emphasis 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 coursework, of which 27 hours must be taken within the department.

All MA students in the Peninsular/Latin American Literature Option are required to take:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
SPAN 5130	Seminar: Critical Approaches to Iberian & Latin American Literatures and Cultures	3
SPAN 4980	Methods Language Learn/Pedagogy	1
In addition, students in the Peninsular and Spanish American Literature Option are required to take a minimum of six graduate credit hours in each of the 3 following subject areas:		
1. <i>Medieval/Early Modern/Colonial Literature</i>		6
SPAN 5120	Seminar: Spanish Literature and/or Spanish American Literature	
SPAN 5140	Seminar: Spanish Literature, Medieval Period	

SPAN 5200	Seminar: Spanish Literature, Renaissance and Baroque	
SPAN 5300	Seminar: Spanish American Literature, Colonial Period and/or 19th Century	
2. Modern and Contemporary Peninsular Literature		6
SPAN 5120	Seminar: Spanish Literature and/or Spanish American Literature	
SPAN 5210	Seminar: Spanish Literature, 18th and/or 19th Centuries	
SPAN 5220	Seminar: Spanish Literature, 20th and/or 21st Centuries	
3. Modern and Contemporary Spanish American Literature		6
SPAN 5120	Seminar: Spanish Literature and/or Spanish American Literature	
SPAN 5300	Seminar: Spanish American Literature, Colonial Period and/or 19th Century	
SPAN 5320	Seminar: Spanish American Literature, 20th and/or 21st Centuries	
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	
Electives		3
Any other graduate seminar offered by the department of Spanish and Portuguese:		
SPAN 5120	Seminar: Spanish Literature and/or Spanish American Literature	
SPAN 5200	Seminar: Spanish Literature, Renaissance and Baroque	
SPAN 5220	Seminar: Spanish Literature, 20th and/or 21st Centuries	
SPAN 5320	Seminar: Spanish American Literature, 20th and/or 21st Centuries	
SPAN 5650	Methods of Teaching Spanish	
PORT 5110	Brazilian Literature	
PORT 5150	Literature of the Portuguese Speaking World	
Additional 5000-level course(s), inside or outside the department, to fulfill the 30-credit minimum.		2
Total Credit Hours		30

Hispanic Linguistics Concentration

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Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
LING 2000	Introduction to Linguistics ¹	3

SPAN 4980	Methods Language Learn/Pedagogy	1
Electives		
One Spanish graduate-level literature 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.

Spanish & Portuguese Studies Concentration

MA students in the Spanish and Portuguese studies track are required to take PORT 2350 in their first semester of study (or place in upper Portuguese language level), and 30 hours of graduate coursework, of which 27 hours must be taken within the department. Graduate students in this subplan are required to have Portuguese as the main area for their MA comprehensive exams.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
SPAN 5130	Seminar: Critical Approaches to Iberian & Latin American Literatures and Cultures	3
SPAN 4980	Methods Language Learn/Pedagogy	1
Electives		
<i>One Hispanic Linguistics course</i>		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	
In addition, students in the Peninsular and Spanish American Literature Option are required to take a minimum of six graduate credit hours in each of the following subject areas:		18
<i>Medieval/Early Modern/Colonial Literature</i>		
SPAN 5120	Seminar: Spanish Literature and/or Spanish American Literature	
SPAN 5140	Seminar: Spanish Literature, Medieval Period	
SPAN 5200	Seminar: Spanish Literature, Renaissance and Baroque	
SPAN 5300	Seminar: Spanish American Literature, Colonial Period and/or 19th Century	
<i>Modern and Contemporary Peninsular Literature</i>		
PORT 5150	Literature of the Portuguese Speaking World	
SPAN 5120	Seminar: Spanish Literature and/or Spanish American Literature	
SPAN 5220	Seminar: Spanish Literature, 20th and/or 21st Centuries	
<i>Modern and Contemporary Latin American Literature</i>		
PORT 5110	Brazilian Literature	
SPAN 5120	Seminar: Spanish Literature and/or Spanish American Literature	
SPAN 5300	Seminar: Spanish American Literature, Colonial Period and/or 19th Century	

SPAN 5320 Seminar: Spanish American Literature,
20th and/or 21st Centuries

Additional graduate courses to fulfill the 30-credit minimum	6
Total Credit Hours	31

Teaching Spanish Concentration

MA students in the Spanish teaching concentration are required to complete a minimum of 30 graduate credit hours, of which at least 25 must be taken in the department. All students are required to have their course selections approved by their advisor and the Associate Chair for Graduate Studies.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
SPAN 4650/5650	Methods of Teaching Spanish ¹	3
SPAN 4980	Methods Language Learn/Pedagogy	1
Spanish graduate-level literature seminars		9
Spanish graduate-level linguistics seminars		9
Graduate-level linguistics or literature electives in the Department		3
Education-related electives inside or outside of the Department		6
Total Credit Hours		31

¹ Candidates enrolled in this course will complete a special teaching project covering the planning, teaching and evaluation of a unit consisting of 10 to 15 lessons.

Learning Outcomes

By the completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate proficiency in Spanish and/or Portuguese sufficient to conduct academic research, teach language and culture courses and engage in professional communication in these languages.
- Exhibit a general understanding of key theoretical frameworks and methodologies in Hispanic and Lusophone literary, cultural and linguistic studies, with the ability to critically analyze texts and media across different genres, registers, periods and regions.
- Demonstrate effective teaching skills, including the ability to design units and lesson plans, conduct classes, assess student learning and adapt their pedagogy to various educational settings and levels, from introductory to advanced coursework in Spanish and/or Portuguese language and culture.
- Develop a professional identity, adhering to ethical research and teaching practices.
- Effectively engage with academic and non-academic audiences.
- Meet qualifications needed to succeed in a PhD program or on career paths such as teaching grades 1-12, publishing, translation and work for or with international organizations.