SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE

Ranked as a top graduate program in the nation by the National Research Council, the Department of Spanish and Portuguese offers MA degrees in Peninsular and Latin American Literature as well as Hispanic Linguistics. It also offers PhD degrees in Peninsular and Latin American Literatures, and Medieval and Early Modern Hispanic Literatures.

All students are eligible for graduate teaching assistantships. These appointments include a monthly stipend and tuition remission, and they cover all student health insurance premiums. Grants and fellowships (summer, research and travel) are also available by application.

**Course codes for this program are SPAN and PORT.**

**Master's Degree**

- Spanish - Master of Arts (MA) ([catalog.colorado.edu/graduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/spanish-portuguese/spanish-master-arts-ma/](catalog.colorado.edu/graduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/spanish-portuguese/spanish-master-arts-ma/))

**Doctoral Degree**

- Spanish - Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) ([catalog.colorado.edu/graduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/spanish-portuguese/spanish-doctor-philosophy-phd/](catalog.colorado.edu/graduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/spanish-portuguese/spanish-doctor-philosophy-phd/))

**Faculty**

While many faculty teach both undergraduate and graduate students, some instruct students at the undergraduate level only. For more information, contact the faculty member’s home department.

- Baena, Julio ([https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_101497/](https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_101497/)) Professor; PhD, Georgetown University
- Becher, Anne Helen ([https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_110035/](https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_110035/)) Senior Instructor; MA, University of Colorado Boulder
- Brown, Esther Lynn ([https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_129298/](https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_129298/)) Associate Professor; Associate Chair; PhD, University of New Mexico
- Dabove, Juan Pablo ([https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_125397/](https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_125397/)) Professor; PhD, University of Pittsburgh
- Elmore, Peter Michael ([https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_103089/](https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_103089/)) Professor; PhD, University of Texas at Austin

**Courses**

**Portuguese**

**PORT 5110 (3) Brazilian Literature**

Focuses on Brazilian literature through the lenses of literary and cultural studies. May address fiction, poetry or the relationship between literature and film. Besides reading literary texts, reading of academic essays is includes.

**Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted:** PORT 4110

**Additional Information:** Departmental Category: Portuguese
Spanish

SPAN 5120 (3) Seminar: Spanish Literature and/or Spanish American Literature
Selected topics in Spanish and/or Spanish American literature.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 7120
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish

SPAN 5130 (3) Seminar: Critical Approaches to Iberian & Latin American Literatures and Cultures
An introductory study of theoretical approaches and critical analyses related to Iberian and Latin American literatures and cultures, with an emphasis on contemporary trends.
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish

SPAN 5140 (3) Seminar: Spanish Literature, Medieval Period
Studies medieval works, authors and themes, with consideration of principal influences from other literatures. Reading in Old Spanish.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 7140
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish

SPAN 5200 (3) Seminar: Spanish Literature, Renaissance and Baroque
Treats various topics, as needs and resources dictate. Special attention to developing historical and current theoretical and critical background of each topic. Representative topics might include Renaissance poetry in Spain, Cervantes, Don Quixote and Novelas ejemplares, picaresque novel and the Spanish comedia of the 17th century.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 7200
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish

SPAN 5210 (3) Seminar: Spanish Literature, 18th and/or 19th Centuries
Treats various topics as needs and resources dictate. Gives special attention to developing historical and current theoretical and critical background of each topic. Representative topics might include romantic prose, poetry and theatre, realism and naturalism (prose narrative), 19th century poetry and 19th century theatre.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 7210
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish

SPAN 5220 (3) Seminar: Spanish Literature, 20th and/or 21st Centuries
Treats various topics, as needs and resources dictate. Gives special attention to developing historical and current theoretical and critical background of each topic. Representative topics might include the generation of 1898, poetry of the 20th century, theatre of the 20th century, pre-Civil War novel, and post-Civil War novel.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 7220
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish

SPAN 5300 (3) Seminar: Spanish American Literature, Colonial Period and/or 19th Century
Treats various topics, as needs and resources dictate. Gives special attention to developing historical and current theoretical and critical background of each topic. Representative topics might include pre-Columbian literature, colonial prose and narrative, colonial poetry, romantic novel, the realist and naturalist novel and short story, 19th-century poetry, and gaucheo literature.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 7300
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish

SPAN 5320 (3) Seminar: Spanish American Literature, 20th and/or 21st Centuries
Treats various topics, as needs and resources dictate. Gives special attention to developing historical and current theoretical and critical background of each topic. Representative topics might include modernism, theatre, the essay, the regional novel, the novel of the Mexican Revolution, the modern novel, contemporary theatre, and contemporary poetry.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 7320
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish

SPAN 5400 (3) Seminar: Spanish Phonology
Topics within Spanish phonology are treated as needs and resources dictate. Gives special attention to different schools and contemporary theoretical developments. Representative topics might include generative phonology applied to Spanish, Spanish phonology for college teaching and different schools of Spanish phonology.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 7400
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish

SPAN 5410 (3) Seminar: Spanish Syntax
Treats topics within Spanish syntax, each requiring a semester’s study, as needs and resources dictate. Gives special attention to different schools and contemporary theoretical developments. Representative topics may include generative/transformational grammar applied to Spanish, fundamental problems in Spanish syntax and different schools of Spanish syntax.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 7410
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish
SPAN 5430 (3) Seminar: Hispanic Linguistics  
Studies a major topic from an area such as phonology, syntax, history of the Spanish language, Hispanic linguistics and literature, or applied Hispanic linguistics.  
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 7430  
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.  
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.  
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish  

SPAN 5440 (3) Seminar: Trends in Hispanic Linguistics  
Provides an overview of major trends and issues in Hispanic linguistics, including phonology, syntax, dialectology, sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, text linguistics, semiotics, history of the Spanish language, language acquisition and applied linguistics.  
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 7440  
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.  
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.  
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish  

SPAN 5450 (3) Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics  
Introduces students to the main areas of inquiry within the field of Hispanic linguistics. Topics to be covered include speech and language, phonetics and phonology, morphology and syntax, semantics, linguistic change and variation and Spanish spoken in the United States.  
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 4450  
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.  
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish  

SPAN 5580 (1) Research Methods and Skills  
This seven-week introductory course is designed to refine research methods and skills and to critically examine different types of materials (print, music recording, electronic resources). In the age of fake news, you will consider an array of information sources that will help you reflect on the research process while enhancing critical thinking and evaluative research skills. Reading knowledge of the Spanish language is desired.  
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: LIBR 5580  
Grading Basis: Letter Grade  

SPAN 5650 (3) Methods of Teaching Spanish  
Familiarizes students with current methodology and techniques in foreign language teaching. Peer-teaching coupled with opportunity to teach mini-lessons provide students with actual teaching experience in the foreign language classroom.  
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 4650  
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.  
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish  

SPAN 6840 (3) Independent Study  
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.  
Requisites: Restricted to Spanish (SPAN) graduate students only.  
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish  

SPAN 6940 (1) Master’s Candidate for Degree  
Requisites: Restricted to Spanish (SPAN) graduate students only.  
Grading Basis: Pass/Fail  
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish  

SPAN 6950 (1-6) Master’s Thesis  
Requisites: Restricted to Spanish (SPAN) graduate students only.  
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish  

SPAN 7120 (3) Seminar: Spanish Literature and/or Spanish American Literature  
Selected topics in Spanish and/or Spanish American literature.  
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 5120  
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.  
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.  
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish  

SPAN 7130 (3) Seminar: Critical Approaches to Iberian and Latin American Literatures and Cultures  
An introductory study of theoretical approaches and critical analyses related to Iberian and Latin American literatures and cultures, with an emphasis on contemporary trends.  
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.  
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.  
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish  

SPAN 7200 (3) Seminar: Spanish Literature, Renaissance and Baroque  
Treats various topics, as needs and resources dictate. Special attention to developing historical and current theoretical and critical background of each topic. Representative topics might include Renaissance poetry in Spain, Cervantes, Don Quixote and Novelas ejemplares, picaresque novel and the Spanish comedia of the 17th century.  
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 5200  
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.  
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.  
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish  

SPAN 7210 (3) Seminar: Spanish Literature, 18th and/or 19th Centuries  
Treats various topics as needs and resources dictate. Gives special attention to developing historical and current theoretical and critical background of each topic. Representative topics might include romantic prose, poetry and theatre, realism and naturalism (prose narrative), 19th century poetry and 19th century theatre.  
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 5210  
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.  
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.  
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish  

SPAN 7220 (3) Seminar: Spanish Literature, 20th and/or 21st Centuries  
Treats various topics, as needs and resources dictate. Gives special attention to developing historical and current theoretical and critical background of each topic. Representative topics might include the generation of 1898, poetry of the 20th century, theatre of the 20th century, pre-Civil War novel, and post-Civil War novel.  
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 5220  
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.  
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.  
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish
SPAN 7300 (3) Seminar: Spanish American Literature, Colonial Period and/or 19th Century
Treats various topics, as needs and resources dictate. Gives special attention to developing historical and current theoretical and critical background of each topic. Representative topics might include pre-Columbian literature, colonial prose and narrative, colonial poetry, romantic novel, the realist and naturalist novel and short story, 19th-century poetry, and gaucho literature.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 5300
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish

SPAN 7320 (3) Seminar: Spanish American Literature, 20th and/or 21st Centuries
Treats various topics, as needs and resources dictate. Gives special attention to developing historical and current theoretical and critical background of each topic. Representative topics might include modernism, theatre, the essay, the regional novel, the novel of the Mexican Revolution, the modern novel, contemporary theatre, and contemporary poetry.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 5320
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish

SPAN 7400 (3) Seminar: Spanish Phonology
Topics within Spanish phonology are treated as needs and resources dictate. Gives special attention to different schools and contemporary theoretical developments. Representative topics might include generative phonology applied to Spanish, Spanish phonology for college teaching and different schools of Spanish phonology.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 5400
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish

SPAN 7410 (3) Seminar: Spanish Syntax
Treats topics within Spanish syntax, each requiring a semester's study, as needs and resources dictate. Gives special attention to different schools and contemporary theoretical developments. Representative topics may include generative/transformational grammar applied to Spanish, fundamental problems in Spanish syntax and different schools of Spanish syntax.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 5410
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish

SPAN 7430 (3) Seminar: Hispanic Linguistics
Studies a major topic from an area such as phonology, syntax, history of the Spanish language, Hispanic linguistics and literature, or applied Hispanic linguistics.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 5430
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish

SPAN 7440 (3) Seminar: Trends in Hispanic Linguistics
Provides an overview of major trends and issues in Hispanic linguistics, including phonology, syntax, dialectology, sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, text linguistics, semiotics, history of the Spanish language, language acquisition and applied linguistics.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SPAN 5440
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish

SPAN 8840 (3) Independent Study
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to Spanish (SPAN) graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish

SPAN 8990 (1-10) Doctoral Dissertation
All doctoral students must register for not fewer than 30 hours of dissertation credit as part of the requirements for the degree. For a detailed discussion of doctoral dissertation credit, refer to the Graduate School section.
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 30.00 total credit hours.
Requisites: Restricted to Spanish (SPAN) graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Spanish