

# 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) (<https://catalog.colorado.edu/graduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/spanish-portuguese/spanish-master-arts-ma/>)

## Doctoral Degree

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

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## Courses

### Portuguese

#### PORT 5110 (3) Brazilian Literature

Focuses on Brazilian literature through the lenses of literary and cultural studies. May address fiction, poetry and/or the relationship between literature and film. In addition to reading literary texts, students read academic essays.

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

**Additional Information:** Departmental Category: Portuguese

#### PORT 5150 (3) Literature of the Portuguese Speaking World

Examines major works of Portuguese literature and/or Portuguese-speaking African literature through the lenses of cultural and literary studies. May address fiction, poetry, and/or the relationship between literature and cinema.

**Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted:** PORT 4150

**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.

**Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted:** SPAN 7130

**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 gaucho 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 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**

Registration intended for students preparing for a thesis defense, final examination, culminating activity, or completion of degree.

**Requisites:** Restricted to Spanish (SPAN) graduate students only.

**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.

**Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted:** SPAN 5130

**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 7140 (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 5140

**Repeatable:** Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

**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