Spanish

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Degree Conferred:
M.A. in Spanish (SPAN)

Program Description: Students pursuing the M.A. degree in Spanish will choose to follow one of two concentrations.

The first concentration is a traditional M.A. in Hispanic literature and culture with a strong emphasis on literary analysis. This concentration is recommended for students likely to pursue work toward a Ph.D. in literature and cultural studies after completion of the M.A.

The second concentration provides students an alternative track that places more emphasis on coursework in pedagogy, technology in the classroom, and second-language acquisition. This concentration is recommended more for students interested in language teaching, for students who may use the M.S. as a terminal degree in preparation for community college or liberal arts teaching, or for secondary teachers seeking further professional development.

M.A. in Spanish

Admission to Spanish M.A. Program: Admission to the M.A. program in Spanish requires a Bachelor of Arts degree or the equivalent from an accredited institution with suitable preparation in Spanish. Individuals interested in a teaching assistantship should submit an application for graduate assistantship to the Department of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures by February 1. In order to demonstrate oral and written proficiency in Spanish, English speakers applying for a teaching assistantship must send an audio-recorded reading of a literary text in Spanish as well as a writing sample in Spanish on a subject of the applicant's choosing (4-8 pages). Applicants requesting an assistantship must also include three letters of recommendation and a statement of purpose.

Non-native English speakers applying to the program must present satisfactory scores on the TOEFL or the IELTS. The University of Arkansas defines a satisfactory score on the TOEFL as 550 (paper-based) or 79 (computer-based) or above, or 6.5 on the IELTS or above for admission to the Graduate School. The test must have been taken within the two years immediately preceding the requested semester of admission and be valid at the time of enrollment. In addition to the English proficiency requirement, applicants seeking teaching assistantships are required to submit a score of 50 on the TSE. Results from these exams must be received before admission to the Graduate School or an application for a teaching assistantship can be considered.

Literature Concentration

Requirements for the Spanish M.A., Literature Concentration:

Aside from deficiencies, a minimum of 36 hours of graduate coursework is required for the degree. All students during their first semester take WLLC 5063 Teaching Foreign Languages on the College Level.

Students must also take a research seminar — SPAN 5703 Special Topics — and present a final paper that meets professional methods and standards. Each candidate must pass a comprehensive examination covering course work and reading list on five out of eight areas of study, which are:


The five areas each candidate will be assessed must include: two from Spain and two from Latin America (including U.S. Latina/o), and at least two before 1900.

M.A. comprehensive exams can be taken only two times.

Detailed program descriptions, including reading lists and examination procedures, are available from the World Languages Department website (http://fulbright.uark.edu/departments/world-languages/graduate/spanish-ma-program.php).

Pedagogy Concentration

Requirements for the Spanish M.A., Pedagogy Concentration:

Aside from deficiencies, a minimum of 36 hours of graduate coursework is required for the degree. All students during their first semester take WLLC 5063 Teaching Foreign Languages on the College Level.

Students must also take a research seminar — SPAN 5703 Special Topics — and present a final paper that meets professional methods and standards. Each candidate must pass a comprehensive examination covering course work and reading list on five out of eight areas of study, which are:


The four areas each candidate will be assessed in addition to pedagogy must include: one from Spain and one from Latin America (including U.S. Latina/o), and at least one before 1900.

M.A. comprehensive exams can be taken only two times.

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Students should also be aware of Graduate School requirements with regard to master's degrees (http://catalog.uark.edu/graduatecatalog/degreerequirements/#mastersdegreeextext).

Courses

SPAN 4003. Advanced Grammar. 3 Hours.
For majors and advanced students covering the problematic areas of Spanish syntax and usage. Prerequisite: SPAN 3003 and SPAN 3103.

SPAN 4103. Monuments of Spanish Literature I. 3 Hours.
Monuments of the major works of Spanish literature from El Cid through the 17th century. Prerequisite: SPAN 3113.

SPAN 4113. Monuments of Spanish Literature II. 3 Hours.
Monuments of Spanish literature from the 18th century to the present. Prerequisite: SPAN 3113.

SPAN 4133. Survey of Spanish-American Literature I. 3 Hours.
Survey of Spanish-American literature from the Colonial period to mid-19th Century, including pre-Hispanic Indigenous Literatures. Prerequisite: SPAN 3113.
SPAN 4193. Survey of Spanish-American Literature II. 3 Hours.
Survey of Spanish-American literature from Modernism to the present, including U.S. Latino literature. Prerequisite: SPAN 3113.

SPAN 4213. Spanish Civilization. 3 Hours.
A wide-ranging exploration of Spanish history and culture from the Middle Ages to the present. Prerequisite: SPAN 3113.

SPAN 4223. Latin American Civilization. 3 Hours.
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SPAN 4243. Literature and Culture in the Hispanic United States. 3 Hours.
An exploration of the history and culture, art and politics of the major Hispanic groups in the United States. Focus on contemporary attitudes and issues. Prerequisite: SPAN 3113.

SPAN 4253. Latin American Cinema and Society. 3 Hours.
This course examines key issues in Latin American culture and history through films, documentaries, and literary and cultural texts. Topics included are: Human Rights, Ethnicity, Gender, Revisions of the past. Prerequisite: SPAN 3113.

SPAN 4333. Business Spanish I. 3 Hours.
Enhances ability to interact in Spanish-language business environments by providing a solid foundation in vocabulary and structure in functional business areas such as company structure, banking and accounting, capital investment, goods and services, marketing, finance, and import-export. Students commit to 15 hours during the semester to work on business-related projects with the Spanish-speaking community of Northwest Arkansas. Prerequisite: SPAN 3003 and SPAN 3103.

SPAN 4553. Latin America Today. 3 Hours.
An exploration of recent and contemporary issues in Latin American culture and society, including social classes, ethnicity, urbanization, family, education, and religion, as well as popular culture and artistic movements. Prerequisite: SPAN 3113.

SPAN 4563. Latino Youth Biliteracy Service Learning Project. 3 Hours.
The Latino Youth Biliteracy Project is a service learning course for students in Spanish and Latin American and Latino Studies. Readings on Latino education policies and challenges, bilingualism, and the immigrant experience. Students commit from 15 to 30 hours of mentoring Latino youth at local schools during the semester (in addition to class meeting times) and complete a research project on Latino education. Prerequisite: SPAN 3113 or SPAN 3123 or graduate standing.

SPAN 470V. Special Topics. 1-3 Hour.
May be offered in a topic not specifically covered by courses otherwise listed. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

SPAN 5203. Medieval Spanish Literature. 3 Hours.
From the ‘Jarchas’ to the Celestina.

SPAN 5233. Golden Age Novel. 3 Hours.
Major works of Spanish prose fiction from the 16th and 17th centuries, with close reading of major works.

SPAN 5243. Golden Age Poetry and Drama. 3 Hours.
History and development of those genres in the 16th and 17th centuries, with close reading of major works.

SPAN 5253. Colonial Literature and Culture. 3 Hours.
An introductory course to the history, culture and literature of colonial Spanish America from 1492 until 1810. The course will cover representative colonial and indigenous texts and their contexts including Renaissance, Baroque, and travel literature of the Eighteenth Century. The course will be taught in Spanish.

SPAN 5273. Survey of 19th Century Spanish Literature. 3 Hours.
A graduate-level survey of Spanish literature from Neoclassicism to the Generation of 1898.

SPAN 5283. Survey of Contemporary Spanish Literature. 3 Hours.
A graduate-level survey of Spanish literature from the Transition to the present.

SPAN 5343. Survey of 20th Century Spanish Literature. 3 Hours.
A graduate-level survey of Spanish literature from the Generation of 1898 to the Transition. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SPAN 5393. 19th Century Spanish American Literature. 3 Hours.
Study of representative literary works from Independence (1810) to 1900’s. The course covers Neoclassicism, Romanticism, Realism/Naturalism, and Modernism and the role of literature in the nation-building process. The course will be taught in Spanish.

SPAN 5403. Spanish American Theatre. 3 Hours.
Critical survey of major movements and outstanding and representative works in 20th century prose and poetry, from the Mexican Revolution and the avant-garde to the contemporary boom and post-boom.

SPAN 5703. Special Topics. 3 Hours.
May be offered in a subject not specifically covered by the courses otherwise listed. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

SPAN 575V. Special Investigations. 1-6 Hour.
Special investigations. May be repeated for degree credit.

SPAN 5773. Indigenismo Literature. 3 Hours.
A study of ‘indigenismo’, an intellectual and literary tradition in Latin America examining the history of exploitation and marginalization of indigenous peoples. Readings include texts by Mariategui, Icaza, Andrade, Asturias, Arguedas, Castellanos, and also ‘indigenista’ works in music and the plastic arts.

SPAN 5883. Indigenous Literatures. 3 Hours.
A study of native oral narratives, literary texts and other writing forms in the Americas, from ancient times to the present, including the Andean Khipus, Mesoamerican Codices, and Amazonian mythic narratives.

SPAN 5943. U.S. Latino/a Literatures and Cultures. 3 Hours.
Explores the construction and negotiation of Latino/a identities through the study of literary and filmic texts. Theoretical concepts (e.g. latinidad, latinization, intralatino, cultural remittances) will also be studied. Topics of discussion may include: transnationalism, bilingualism, and interactions between different Latino groups. Taught in Spanish. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.