

# Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

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## Hispanic Studies, MA

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The Hispanic Studies, MA program provides students with opportunities to deepen their understanding of Hispanic cultures and to develop advanced Spanish language skills. Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the university and submit satisfactory scores on the General Test of the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE). Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation and evidence of appropriate oral and written language proficiency. Each entering student is to consult with the director of graduate studies upon admission to the program. At the consultation, the director will review curriculum requirements and options, as well as engaged learning placement opportunities, to design a course of study appropriate for the student's professional, academic, and personal goals and interests.

Minimum degree requirement for the program is **30 s.h.** as follows:

### 1. Core - 9 s.h.

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- SPAN 6002 - Humanities Research Methods
- SPAN 6003 - Applied Research Methods
- SPAN 6004 - Engaged Field Work

### 2. Electives – 15-18 s.h.

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- a. Choose at least 6 s.h. from the following:
  - SPAN 6010 - Hispanic Cultural Studies
  - SPAN 6020 - Contemporary Issues of the Hispanic World
  - SPAN 6030 - Topics in Hispanic Studies
  - SPAN 6521 - Special Readings
  - SPAN 6522 - Special Readings
  - SPAN 6523 - Special Readings
- b. Choose at least 6 s.h. from the following:

- SPAN 6040 - Current Trends in Hispanic Linguistics
- SPAN 6050 - Professional Literacies
- SPAN 6070 - Engaged Research Experience
- SPAN 6600 - Recent Trends in Foreign Language Teaching, Learning, and Acquisition

### **3. Options - 3-6 s.h.**

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(Choose one of the following.)

Thesis option – 3-6 s.h.:

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- SPAN 7000 - Thesis

*Note:*

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The student writes a thesis and presents a seminar based on the thesis research. The thesis proposal and the subsequent thesis must be approved by the student's advisor and committee composed of three Hispanic studies faculty members and an outside reviewer, the departmental director of graduate studies, and the departmental chairperson.

### **Non-thesis option - 6 s.h.:**

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- Additional electives - 6 s.h.

Hispanic Studies, MA

### **Courses**

#### **Spanish**

- SPAN 6002 - Humanities Research Methods

- SPAN 6003 - Applied Research Methods
- SPAN 6004 - Engaged Field Work
- SPAN 6010 - Hispanic Cultural Studies
- SPAN 6020 - Contemporary Issues of the Hispanic World
- SPAN 6024 - MAT Internship
- SPAN 6030 - Topics in Hispanic Studies
- SPAN 6040 - Current Trends in Hispanic Linguistics
- SPAN 6050 - Professional Literacies
- SPAN 6070 - Engaged Research Experience
- SPAN 6521 - Special Readings
- SPAN 6522 - Special Readings
- SPAN 6523 - Special Readings
- SPAN 6600 - Recent Trends in Foreign Language Teaching, Learning, and Acquisition
- SPAN 7000 - Thesis

#### SPAN 6002 - Humanities Research Methods

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P: Admission to the Hispanic studies master's program or consent of the director of graduate studies. Appraisal, analysis, and contrasting of concepts, methods, and approaches central to the study of the humanities at the advanced level. Theories of interpretation as applied to cultural products such as films and literary works.

#### SPAN 6003 - Applied Research Methods

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**3**

P: Admission to the Hispanic studies master's program or consent of the director of graduate studies. Design, interpretation and evaluation of qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods research.

#### SPAN 6004 - Engaged Field Work

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**3**

15 internship hours. Students are expected to provide personal transportation to field site. P: Admission to the Hispanic studies master's program or consent of the director of graduate

studies. Theory, methodology, and design of community-engaged research projects. Development of community partnerships and field work.

#### SPAN 6010 - Hispanic Cultural Studies

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**3**

May be repeated for a maximum of 6 s.h. with change of topic. P: SPAN 6002 or consent of the director of graduate studies. History, culture, and civilization of the Hispanic world studied from analytical approaches used in the humanities.

#### SPAN 6020 - Contemporary Issues of the Hispanic World

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**3**

May be repeated for a maximum of 6 s.h. with change of topic. P: SPAN 6002, SPAN 6003; or consent of the director of graduate studies. Selected significant current events, trends, and schools of thought affecting contemporary Hispanic societies.

#### SPAN 6030 - Special Topics in Hispanic Studies

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**3**

May be repeated for a maximum of 6 s.h. with change of topic. P: SPAN 6002, SPAN 6003; or consent of the graduate director. Topic-specific study of Hispanic cultures through analysis of diverse discursive resources in a variety of media from Spanish-speaking areas. Comprehension, analysis, and use of Spanish as appropriate to different types of discourse.

#### SPAN 6040 - Current Trends in Hispanic Linguistics

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**3**

May be repeated for a maximum of 6 s.h. with change of topic. P: SPAN 6002, SPAN 6003; or consent of the director of graduate studies. Selected significant current events, trends, and schools of thought affecting contemporary Hispanic societies.

SPAN 6050 - Professional Literacies

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**3**

P: SPAN 6002, SPAN 6003; or consent of the director of graduate studies. Study and practice of Spanish as written and spoken in a range of professions and contexts.

SPAN 6070 - Engaged Research Experience

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**3**

45 internship hours. Students are expected to provide personal transportation to field site. P: SPAN 6004 or consent of instructor. Supervised engaged learning experience to carry out research through community service.

SPAN 7000 - Thesis

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**1-6**

May be repeated. May count a maximum of 6 s.h. P: SPAN 6002, 6003, 6004; and consent of the director of graduate studies.