

# Hispanic Studies

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College of Art & Sciences

## Master of Arts

### Admission Requirements

We require a B.A. in Hispanic Studies or a related area, demonstrated fluency in Spanish and English, strong letters of reference and a representative research essay from the candidate's prior academic work. Graduate Record Examination scores are required for admission. Foreign students must pass the TOEFL with the minimum required score of 550 on the paper version of the exam, 213 on the computer version, or 79 on the Internet/IBT version. Supervised teaching experience within the department is a requirement for both the M.A. and Doctoral degrees.

### Degree Requirements

32 credit hours total. Reading knowledge of one foreign language in addition to Spanish and/or English; successful completion of SPA 553 (Pedagogy and the Teaching of Spanish), SPA 602 (Studies in Spanish Linguistics), SPA 606 (Introduction to Cultural and Literary Theory) and SPA 770 (Introduction to Hispanic Studies). Successful completion of an additional 24 hours of credits of which 6 may be taken at the 500 level (24 credits must be taken at the 600 level or above). The M.A. is granted to a student who has successfully passed a written and oral examination after completing the required coursework. One half of the exam is designed to test the candidate's knowledge of the M.A. Reading List (located at <https://hs.as.uky.edu/sites/default/files/MARReadingListFINAL2007.pdf>) and the other half is based on the candidate's graduate-level coursework. A student who plans to complete only the M.A. degree (or is not admitted into the Ph.D. program) has four semesters to complete the coursework towards the MA. M.A. exams are given in August and January.

NOTE: Students who are admitted into the Ph.D. program during the fourth semester of coursework are not required to take an M.A. exam after four semesters. The M.A. degree will be conferred to them upon successful completion of the doctoral Qualifying Exam. Students who enter the program with an M.A. from another institution will be evaluated by the Graduate Studies Committee at the beginning of the third semester of coursework. If the committee deems the student's work acceptable, the student may then go on to complete the PhD requirement. If the work is deemed unacceptable, the student will be required to pass the MA exam before proceeding on to the Ph.D.

## Doctor of Philosophy

### Degree Requirements

54 credit hours (18 courses) of which ten credits are required: successful completion of SPA 553 (Pedagogy and the Teaching of Spanish), SPA 602 (Studies in Spanish Linguistics), SPA 606 (Introduction to Cultural and Literary Theory) and SPA 770 (Introduction to Hispanic Studies). Of the remaining 15 courses, 5 must be in the major field of concentration (with two of these at the 700 level). 4 courses must be in the allied fields, and 2 in a minor field (outside the department). Additionally, the student must demonstrate reading knowledge of one language other than Spanish and English. The successful candidate will defend a dissertation prospectus, successfully complete Parts A and B of the Doctoral Qualifying Exam, and defend a dissertation.

Candidates are expected to devise a program of study and research around the major area of specialization. Two minor areas (in Hispanic literature and culture or Linguistics) and one allied field (related to the dissertation work) must be selected as support divisions for the major area. Minimum graduate credit

expectations are 24 credit hours in the combined Major and Minor areas and 12 credit hours in the Allied Fields; 6 graduate credits in each of the two remaining areas not chosen as Major, Minor, or Allied Fields. Two seminars (one in the major field) are required.

Specialization by area:

- 1) Medieval Spanish Studies;
- 2) Renaissance and Early Modern Spanish Studies;
- 3) Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Spanish Studies;
- 4) Twentieth and Twenty-First Century Spanish Studies;
- 5) Colonial and Nineteenth Century Spanish American Studies;
- 6) Twentieth and Twenty First Century Spanish American Studies.
- 7) U.S. Latino Studies

The dissertation focus may combine Hispanic literature and film, Hispanic literature and Fine Arts, Hispanic literature with a second literature, literature and popular culture, or literature and theory. Students are encouraged to explore topics in Transatlantic Studies, and to make use of the programs in Social Theory, Gender and Women's Studies, Latin American Studies, Environmental Studies and Appalachian Studies in considering transdisciplinary possibilities for their doctoral theses.

The Doctoral Qualifying Examination consists of two parts. Part A is a written exam and a two hour oral exam based on the reading list and the prospectus the student has created under the supervision of the dissertation committee. The written exam is structured as follows: a take-home exam in the areas of the dissertation and the extradisciplinary Minor Field, and an additional ten hours to test the student's knowledge in his/her area of general specialization, and the additional three areas (Major and Allied Fields) on which the student has chosen to concentrate. In order to take this exam, the student needs to have submitted a written prospectus and a reading list to the dissertation committee at least two months before scheduling the exam.

Part B of the qualifying examination will take place during the semester following Part A. The student will present either a fully written introduction or a sample dissertation chapter to the dissertation committee. Acceptable Progress towards the Dissertation: The ABD student is required to establish and maintain an acceptable timeline for completing the dissertation. The Department expects that the student complete at least one dissertation chapter per semester until the dissertation is completed. It is hoped that the student will complete the dissertation within two years after the qualifying exams.

## **Graduate Courses**

SPA 438g	Literature Of Social Protest In Spanish America	(3)
SPA 501	Spanish Phonetics, Pronunciation And Phonemics	(3)
SPA 506	Introduction To Comparative Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian Linguistics	(3)
SPA 519	Themes In Medieval And Early Modern Spanish Literature And Culture	(3)
SPA 529	Themes In Modern And Contemporary Spanish Literature, Culture And Film	(3)
SPA 539	Themes In Latin American Literature, Culture And Film	(3)
SPA 553	Teaching Of Spanish	(3)
SPA 600	History Of The Spanish Language	(3)
SPA 601	Studies In Spanish Pedagogy (Subtitle Required)	(1)
SPA 602	Studies In Spanish Linguistics (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 603	Spanish Applied Linguistics	(3)
SPA 604	Sociolinguistics Of The Spanish-Speaking World	(3)
SPA 605	History Of The Spanish Language	(3)
SPA 606	Introduction To Cultural And Literary Theory	(3)

SPA 607	Special Topics In Critical Theory And Cultural Studies (Subtitle Required)	(1)
SPAa 608	Special Topics In Spanish Literature And Culture (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 609	Special Topics In Latin American And U.S. Hispanic Literature And Culture (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 610	Studies In Medieval Spanish Literature (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 620	Studies In Early Modern And Baroque Spanish Literature (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 630	Studies In 18th And 19th Century Spanish Literature (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 640	Studies In 20th And 21 Stcentury Spanish Literature (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 650	Studies In Colonial Latin American Literature (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 653	Studies In Spanish Pedagogy	(3)
SPA 654	Spanish Dialectology	(3)
SPA 655	Comparative-Historical Romance Linguistics	(3)
SPA 660	Studies In 19th Century Latin American Literature (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 680	Studies In 20th Century Latin American Literature 1900.1950's (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 681	Studies In Contemporary Latin American Literature 1960's To Present (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 685	Studies In U.S. Hispanic Literature And Culture (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 690	Studies In Spanish And/Or Latin American Film (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 703	Seminar In Sla Theory In Spanish L2 Learning	(3)
SPA 704	Seminar In Linguistic Analysis Of Spanish Discourse	(3)
SPA 705	Seminar In Historical Language Contact In The Spanish Speaking World	(3)
SPA 706	Advanced Readings In Critical Theory And Cultural Studies (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 708	Critical Perspectives on Spanish Literature And Culture (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 709	Critical Perspectives On Latin American And U.S. Hispanic Literature And Culture (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 710	Seminar In Medieval Spanish Literature And Culture (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA720	Seminar In Early Modern And Baroque Spanish Literature And Culture (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 730	Seminar In 18th And 19th Century Spanish Literature And Culture (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 740	Seminar 20-21st Century Spanish Literature And Culture (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 748	Master's Thesis Research	(0)
SPA 749	Dissertation Research	(0)
SPA 750	Seminar In Colonial Latinamerican Literature And Culture (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 760	Seminar In I9th Century Latin American Literature And Culture (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 768	Residence Credit For The Master's Degree	(1-6)
SPA 767	Dissertation Residency Credit	(2)
SPA 769	Residence Credit For The Doctor's Degree	(0-12)
SPA 770	Introduction To Hispanic Studies	(3)
SPA 780	Seminar In 20th Century Latin American Literature And Culture 1900-1950's (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 781	Seminar In Contemporary Latin American Literature And Culture 1960's To Present (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SPA 782	Special Studies In Spanish	(1-3)
SPA 785	Seminar In U.S. Hispanic And/Or Literature And Culture (Subtitle Required)	(3)