



Department of Modern Languages

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Department of Modern Languages M.A. in SPANISH

The Master of Arts Program in Spanish at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center offers an alternative to exclusively literary studies that traditionally lead to doctoral programs. By integrating language, literature and cultural studies with ancillary work in other disciplines, the degree provides the broader expertise that will lead to or enhance careers in teaching, government, social services, business and international trade. Students will tailor the program to their specific interests and needs by developing a topical focus including courses within and outside the Dept. of Modern Languages. Student Learning Goals will be: 1) to understand the intricacies of the Spanish language and its history, 2) to develop a working knowledge of some of the most important works created in Spanish, in disciplines including literature, film, linguistics, and cultural history, 3) to develop the linguistic proficiency in Spanish to engage in intellectual discussion in both academic and non-academic settings using standard pronunciation, grammar and vocabulary, and 4) to think, speak and write analytically and critically about culture.

Please see the attached checklist of materials required for application. Most materials should be downloaded on line.

Admission and Grade Requirements

- **Application Deadlines are:** for Fall & Summer Admission – March 15th, and for Spring Admission - October 15th
- Students must have at least a 2.5 undergraduate grade-point average on all previous work and a 3.0 grade-point average in courses taken in Spanish at the baccalaureate level.
- Present three letters of recommendation, at least two of which should come from former college-level instructors.

Requirements for the MA in Spanish

- To be admitted to the master's program in Spanish, students must hold a baccalaureate degree in Spanish from an accredited institution, or hold a baccalaureate degree in another discipline and have language skills that meet the Departmental standards.
- Student must demonstrate promise or ability to pursue advanced study and research, as shown by previous scholastic records.
- Demonstrate Spanish oral and written proficiency at the Advanced level, as defined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.
- If a native speaker, must be proficient with the English language and able to speak, read and write at a graduate school level.

Curriculum Description:

Program requirements: All students will be required to complete 33 credit hours of course work, distributed with respect to one of the following two options:

Thesis Option - 27 credit hours of coursework + 6 thesis hours):

Required: SPAN 5000, Introduction to Graduate Studies in Spanish – 3 credit hours

Literature / Culture and Linguistics - 15 hours, including:

at least 6 credit hours in Literature / Culture, and

6 credit hours in Linguistics

9 credit hours Elective. Up to six hours may be taken outside of the department, as approved by advisor

6 credit hours Thesis Preparation and Writing

Non-Thesis Option (33 hours of coursework):

Required: SPAN 5000, Introduction to Graduate Studies in Spanish - 3 credit hours

18 credit hours Literature / Culture and Linguistics, including at least

6 in Literature / Culture, and 6 in Linguistics

12 credit hours Elective, as approved by advisor (May include up to 6 hours outside the Modern Language Department.)

Sample Curricula:

Below are three sample curricula for the M.A. program in Spanish, with varying topical foci for each. The first two reflect the non-thesis option and the third shows the option with thesis. While **these curricula are only samples**, they show how individual students can tailor their areas of emphasis to suit their individual needs. No more than one undergraduate course may be applied toward the M.A. degree, and then only in ancillary fields outside the Department of Modern Languages.

Sample curriculum for Non-Thesis Option, with topical focus on Mexico.

SPAN 5000 Intro to Graduate Studies in Spanish

SPAN 5010 History of the Spanish Language

SPAN 5020 Spanish Sociolinguistics

SPAN 5060 Dialects of the Spanish-Speaking World

SPAN 5180 Modernism

SPAN 5411 Contemporary Spanish American Novel

SPAN 5450 Masterpieces of Spanish-American Literature

SPAN 5521 Mexican Literature I: Pre-Columbian and Colonial

SPAN 5522 Mexican Literature II: 19th to 21st Centuries

ANTH 5740 Ethnography of Mexico and Central America

HIST 5411 Modern Mexico

Sample curriculum for Non-Thesis Option, with topical focus on Hispanic/Latino Cultural History:

SPAN 5000 Intro to Graduate Studies in Spanish

SPAN 5010 History of the Spanish Language

SPAN 5060 Dialects of the Spanish-Speaking World

SPAN 5150 Masterpieces of Spanish Literature

SPAN 5360 Women and the Spanish Civil War

SPAN 5411 Contemporary Spanish-American Novel

SPAN 5450 Masterpieces of Spanish-American Literature

SPAN 5525 Orientalisms in the Hispanic Tradition

SPAN 5590 Ibero-American Thought

ETST 4768 Chicano/a Narrative and Social History

HIST 5415 Social Revolutions in Latin America

Sample curriculum for Thesis Option, with topical focus on Linguistics:

SPAN 5000 Intro to Graduate Studies in Spanish

SPAN 5010 History of the Spanish Language

SPAN 5020 Spanish Sociolinguistics

SPAN 5060 Dialects of the Spanish-Speaking World

SPAN 5080 Spanish in the United States

SPAN 5130 Medieval Spanish Literature

SPAN 5450 Masterpieces of Spanish-American Literature

CLDE 5010 Foundations of Language, Literacy and Culture

CLDE 5800 Sociolinguistics: Language Variation and its Implications for Teaching

SPAN 5940 M.A. Thesis (6 hours)

Spanish and Modern Language Course offerings:

Required: SPAN 5000 Intro to Graduate Studies in Spanish

Required for TA's: MLNG 5690 Methods of Teaching Modern Languages (Hybrid course with Saturday workshops)



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Graduate Elective Courses in the Department of Modern Languages comprise any course with a SPAN or MLNG prefix and numbered at the 5000 level.

A partial List of Ancillary/Elective courses that support the M.A. in Spanish

From the School of Business Administration

- FNCE 4370 International Financial Management
- MKTG 4580 International Transportation
- MKTG 4200 International Marketing
- MGMT 4400 Introduction to International Business

From the School of Education—Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education Area

- CLDE 5010 Foundations of Language, Literacy and Culture
- CLDE 5030 Language and Literacy: Acquisition, Processes, and Cognition, Part I
- CLDE 5035 Language and Literacy: Acquisition, Processes, and Cognition, Part II
- CLDE 5800 Sociolinguistics: Language Variation and its Implications for Teaching
- CLDE 5825 Methods and Materials in of Language Teaching

From the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- ANTH 5160 Topics in Language, Society and Culture
- ANTH 5740 Ethnography of Mexico and Central America
- CMMU 5270 Intercultural Communications
- ECON 6410 International Trade
- ECON 6420 International Finance
- ENGL 5601 Principles and Practices of Adult Second Language Acquisition
- ENGL 6210 Methods of Teaching English as a Second Language
- ETST 4558 Chicano/a and Latino/a Politics
- ETST 4616 Special Topics: Chicanos/as and Latinos/as
- ETST 4768 Chicano/a Narrative and Social History
- HIST 5411 Modern Mexico
- HIST 5412 Mexico and the U.S.: People and Politics on the Border
- HIST 5415 Social Revolutions in Latin America
- PSC 5135 Seminar: Political Economy of Central America

From the College of Arts and Media

- FA 5610 Pre-Columbian Art

**** No more than one undergraduate course (3 credit hours) may be applied toward the M.A. Degree, and then only in ancillary fields.**

For more information on Provisional Acceptance, Graduation Requirements, and the acceptance of Transfer Credit, please contact Dr. Michael Abeyta, Graduate Advisory at 303-556-4008. The Department of Modern Languages website is:

<http://clas.ucdenver.edu/modLang>

A Note about Transcripts

Be aware that the office of Admissions in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, at the University of Colorado Denver requires official original transcripts from every institution of higher education that you have ever attended.

This means:

- The transcript must be an “Official Transcript” issued from one university to another, **not an “Issued to Student” copy or a photocopy of one in your possession.**
- We need an official transcript from every institution of higher education where you have taken a college-level course, whether you took one class or completed an undergraduate degree.
- If you are currently completing your final semester of undergraduate work, please have one official copy of your current transcript sent with the application, and have two official copies sent once you have graduated, showing completion of your bachelor’s degree. These are required before acceptance to the program can be granted.
- If you received your undergraduate degree outside of the United States, you will need to have an official original transcript sent in a sealed envelope directly to our department (address is above) from your international institution of higher education. The office of Admissions will not accept a copy of your international transcript. We know this may present a problem for you if you only have one original copy of your transcript from your country of origin.
- For international transcripts, the office of Admissions additionally requires an official English translation of your transcript from a transcription service (such as World Education Services, www.wes.org, for example).

Spanish and English Proficiency Requirements

Levels of Spanish and English proficiency will be determined through an oral interview with the Graduate Committee for each applicant. In order to successfully engage in classroom activity at the graduate level, students in the Spanish MA program at UCD are expected to have advanced levels of speaking, reading and writing in both Spanish and English.

If the applicant proves deficient in any area or language, the Grad Committee has the right to refuse admittance.

Information for Graduate Students from the University of Colorado Denver catalog states: “A student who is noticeably deficient in the use of standard English in all oral and written work may not obtain an advanced degree from the University of Colorado Denver. Ability to use the language with precision and distinction should be cultivated as an attainment of major importance. The university reserves the right to test English proficiency for non-native speakers of English to confirm and validate sufficiency for credit-bearing course work and degree programs. Each department will judge the qualifications of its advanced students in the use of English. Reports, examinations and speech will be considered in estimating the candidate’s proficiency.”

Any non-native speaker of English who has not earned a degree from a University in the United States is required by the Department of Modern Languages to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and pass it with a minimum written score of 550, internet score of 80 or a computer score of 213 in order to be admitted into the Spanish MA program. See www.ets.org.

International Students

If you are currently living out of the U.S. and/or have an international address, you are considered an international student and must apply to the Spanish MA program through the UCD Office of International Education, located at the Lawrence Street Center, 9th floor. The application fee is \$75 and a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required.

Please contact Derrick Alex, Director of International Admissions at 303-315-2234 or visit their website at:

<http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/InternationalPrograms/OIA/InternationalAdmissions/Pages/default.aspx>

for more information.

Teaching Assistantship (TA) Position

Teaching Assistantship (TA) positions may become available in the Spanish MA program. All applicants are interviewed by the Spanish MA faculty and positions are competitive. If you are interested in applying for a TA position, please pick up an application in our office or download it online from the Spanish MA link at <http://clas.ucdenver.edu/modlang> All applicants are interviewed by the Spanish MA faculty and positions are competitive.

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