

SPANISH, M.A.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW-Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	16 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	In practice, it is rare for students not to take 100% of their credits in graduate coursework. But a minimum of 18 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/)).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. This program follows the Graduate School's policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).

Other Grade Requirements No other grade requirements.

Assessments and Examinations Students in Spanish literature and linguistics M.A. program shall submit a research portfolio consisting of three term papers from graduate courses in this program. Students submitting portfolios shall be allowed, but not required, to include in their portfolio a brief statement (approximately 1000 words) explaining their anticipated doctoral research agenda. Each term paper included in the portfolio shall represent a different curricular area. Before submitting their portfolio pieces, students shall revise them in accordance with the corrections and comments provided by their course professors during the initial evaluation of those materials. Students shall submit their portfolio by March 1, and the portfolio review committee shall bring their recommendations to the Departmental Committee for discussion and final decision at the committee's March meeting.

Language Requirements No language requirements beyond English and Spanish. However, candidates who expect to go on to the Doctorate are urged to acquire the basic reading knowledge of a second foreign language before completing the portfolio. It should be another Romance Language, Latin, Arabic, or German. Other languages may be considered, with the approval of the department.

REQUIRED COURSES

The course of studies leading to the Master of Arts degree in Spanish in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is a flexible one designed to introduce the candidate to Spanish and Spanish American literatures, literary criticism, and linguistics. The program is for students who complete their academic career at the M.A. as well as for those who decide to pursue the Ph.D.

Its general, non-specialized approach is beneficial to both types. The Master's program offers a panorama of selected works, a general view of literary and linguistic currents, and an introduction to literary and linguistic research.

All of the department's graduate courses besides the survey courses will be considered advanced courses. First-year M.A. students who wish to take a seminar need the permission of the adviser and consent of the instructor.

Course work in another department of the University of Wisconsin-Madison can be counted toward the minimum 32-credit requirement if it has been approved by the Chair in consultation with the Departmental Committee, except if the adviser approves taking up to six credits in another language.

SPANISH 770 Introduction to the Profession is required of all new Teaching Assistants.

All graduate students who are candidates for an M.A. degree in this department must take a minimum of two graduate-level courses in Spanish and/or Portuguese for credit each semester, exclusive of Independent Reading courses and audited courses. A student who is not in compliance with this requirement is not making good progress toward the degree, and will therefore be deemed not in good academic standing. Advisers should be aware that only the Graduate Studies Committee may grant exemptions.

Specific course requirements are as follows:

Spanish M.A. with a concentration in literature ¹

The Spanish Master’s Degree program with a concentration in literature is based on six curriculum areas:

- 1. Medieval Literature
- 2. Golden Age Literature
- 3. Modern Peninsular Literature
- 4. Spanish–American Literature I (Colonial through Modernismo)
- 5. Spanish–American Literature II (From Modernismo to the present)
- 6. Latinx Studies

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses ^{2, 3}		
Choose one course from five of the nine areas, one of which must be in a linguistics field ⁴		15
SPANISH 770	Introduction to the Profession	3
Electives		14
Students may take up to 6 credits of language courses other than Spanish or English (see "Language Requirements" below)		
Remaining credits typically taken in literature areas		
Total Credits		32

1
These pathways are internal to the program and represent different curricular paths a student can follow to earn this degree. Pathway names do not appear in the Graduate School admissions application, and they will not appear on the transcript.

2
SPANISH 323 Advanced Language Practice with Emphasis on Expository Writing, SPANISH 320 Spanish Phonetics and SPANISH 770 Introduction to the Profession **do not** count toward any of the nine literary or linguistic areas.

3
Both literature and linguistics M.A. students must take at least 6 credits in advanced courses, which are numbered 600 and above.

4
Students with a concentration in literature must take a course in the literary area in which they choose not to be examined on the M.A./Ph.D. qualifying exam.

The department plans to offer the following sequence of survey courses in literature on a two-year rotating basis. This list is provided purely for informational purposes and is not intended as a list of mandatory courses:

Spanish M.A. with a concentration in linguistics ¹

The Spanish Master’s Degree program with a concentration in linguistics is based on four curriculum areas:

- 1. Phonetics & Phonology
- 2. Syntax
- 3. Language Variation & Change
- 4. Applied Linguistics & Second Language Acquisition.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses ^{2, 3}		
Choose 3 credits from one of the following areas:		3

Phonetics & Phonology		
Syntax		
Language Variation & Change		
Choose 3 credits in Applied Linguistics & Second Language Acquisition		3
Choose 6 credits from any of the linguistics areas		6
One literature course		3
SPANISH 770	Introduction to the Profession	3
Electives		14
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Remaining credits typically taken in linguistics areas		
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