

SPANISH, PH.D.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), 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 51 credits

Minimum Residence Credit Requirement 32 credits

Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement 33 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>).

In practice all doctoral coursework (with the exception of some language requirements or some doctoral minors) is designed exclusively for graduate students.

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 Preliminary Examinations: The Preliminary Examination must be taken after course requirements have been met. The prelim has two parts: a written part and an oral part. The written part of the exam has two components: 1) a series of take-home exams and 2) a 5 to 10-page dissertation prospectus plus bibliography. An oral examination defense follows the written portions of the Preliminary Examination. The oral exam defense is approximately two hours long, at the discretion of the examining committee. It should cover both the take-home examinations and the dissertation prospectus. The candidate will receive a grade of pass or fail in the preliminary examination. In the case of failing the exam, it could be retaken once within a month (after consultation with the adviser). Should the dissertation prospectus be approved, the candidate will have a maximum of three months to officially defend a dissertation proposal.

The Doctoral Dissertation:

The final oral examination for the Ph.D. (the dissertation defense) will concentrate solely on the dissertation and generally does not exceed two hours in length. The examining committee is composed of a minimum of four members, at least one of whom must be from outside the student's program in Spanish, and at least three of whom, including the dissertation director, should be designated as readers. This examination is held at least two weeks after the dissertation is submitted.

Language Requirements Knowledge of other languages is essential for doctoral research. Candidates must demonstrate proficiency in either one or two languages appropriate for their area of research, to be decided in consultation with their advisor. Students are urged to fulfill the language requirements as early as possible in their doctoral studies. In any event, these must be fulfilled prior to the Preliminary Examination.

While any language may be used to fulfill the language requirement, the most common ones are those with regular course offerings or reading knowledge exams like Spanish (for candidates in Portuguese) or Portuguese (for candidates in Spanish), French, Italian, Latin, German, Arabic, Hebrew, Quechua and Yucatec Maya. Proficiency is defined as the level reached in any of the courses or pairs of courses listed below (or their equivalent), with the grades indicated, or a score of "Advanced High Pass/High Pass" on the UW Extension Reading Knowledge Exam if it is offered.

Graduate School Breadth Requirement	All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. If choosing a minor, the doctoral candidate must present a minor in work done outside of Spanish. The minor should be in an area related to the major field of interest. Portuguese, French, Comparative Literature, and Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian Studies are among the most common minors. Distributed minors (for a minimum of 9 credits) must be approved by the advisor. Requirements for the minor are established by the respective department. Since the minor should complement the student's major area of concentration, the student should arrange their program with the minor department as early as possible in the doctoral career. For a minor in Portuguese, the student should have a minimum of 9 credits beyond PORTUG 301/PORTUG 302. Also, courses taken to fulfill the language requirement cannot count toward the minor in Portuguese. Similarly, courses taken for a minor in Educational Psychology, Curriculum & Instruction, or Second Language Acquisition cannot also be counted as Research Design courses.
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REQUIRED COURSES

In the Spanish Ph.D., the student selects a major area and two supporting fields, either in the concentration of literature or linguistics. The major is the area of specialization; the student is expected to have a thorough knowledge of the currents, primary works and critical bibliography pertaining to it. The student is expected to know the most significant writers and works (in the Spanish Ph.D. with a concentration in literature) or the most significant linguistic schools and approaches (in the Spanish Ph.D. with a concentration in linguistics) as well as the most important currents and developments in the two supporting fields; additionally, the student must have a good knowledge of critical bibliography. The program of studies leading toward the Ph.D. in this Department provides multiple opportunities for the development of analytical skills, and integrated with those skills an extensive knowledge of theoretical issues. The selection of the major and supporting fields is made by the beginning of the second semester of doctoral studies.

- All graduate students who are candidates for a Ph.D. degree in Spanish 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 (SPANISH 899 Independent Reading) courses, with the following exceptions:

1. In the semester before taking the Preliminary Examination, a doctoral student may count an SPANISH 899 Independent Reading designed to work toward the dissertation proposal as one of the two courses, as long as another course is taken in the department. This exception may only apply once, even in the case that the Preliminary Examination is postponed.
2. Students may count as exceptions up to three courses taken toward their Ph.D. minor. Every time that students request this exemption they must fill out the appropriate form for this purpose to be signed by the advisor and given to the Graduate Coordinator.
 - An audited course does not count toward the two-course minimum requirement.
 - If the two-course rule impedes the student's progress toward completion of the degree, students may petition an exception, with

the written support of their advisor. This regulation does not apply to students who have passed the Ph.D. Preliminary Examination.

Specific course requirements are as follows:

Spanish Ph.D. with a concentration in literature ¹

The Spanish Ph.D. program with a concentration in literature in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at the University of Wisconsin-Madison offers six areas of study:

1. Medieval Literature
2. Golden Age Literature
3. Modern Peninsular Literature
4. Spanish American I Literature (Colonial to 1900)
5. Spanish American II Literature (20th and 21st Century)
6. Latinx Studies

A linguistics field may be used as a supporting field only, provided written consent of the graduate advisor is obtained.

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Code	Title	Credits
Requirements ^{2,3}		
SPANISH 770	Introduction to the Profession	3
Major Area		12
Advanced Courses ⁴		Minimum of 5 courses
Electives/Research		Variable
Total Credits		51

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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

Course credits earned in our M.A. program (with the exception of SPANISH 770 Introduction to the Profession and SPANISH 323 Advanced Language Practice with Emphasis on Expository Writing) and any transfer credits used to satisfy M.A. requirements, **do satisfy** the Ph.D. course requirements.

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A maximum of 3 credits of independent study (SPANISH 899 Independent Reading) in each of the areas of concentration may be used, with prior departmental approval, when corresponding courses are not offered in a timely fashion.

4

Students, in consultation with their advisor, should ensure that they have a minimum of five advanced courses beyond the M.A., if completed at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, or six advanced course beyond the M.A. if completed at another institution. At least two of these courses must be in the major. One of these advanced courses may be taken outside the Department, with the advisor's consent. An advanced course is defined as numbered 600 or above.

Spanish Ph.D. with a concentration in linguistics ¹

The Spanish Ph.D. program with a concentration in linguistics in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at the University of Wisconsin–Madison offers three areas of study:

1. Theoretical/Formal Spanish Linguistics
2. Language Variation and Change
3. Applied Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition

In the doctoral program the student selects a major area from the three areas; the other two automatically become supporting fields.

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	Major Area	12
<i>For Students whose major area is Applied Linguistics and SLA:</i>		
	Two graduate-level Research Design courses chosen in consultation with the student's advisor. (See "Language Requirements" above)	6
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