MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.)
MAJOR IN SPANISH (33-HOUR
THESIS OPTION)

Major Program
The master of arts (M.A.) program in Spanish is a dynamic academic
unit that combines research and applied learning in order to advance
knowledge of the Spanish language and the literature and cultures of the
Hispanic world. Its objective is to empower individuals to be productive
in a global society. At Texas State, the Spanish M.A. program provides
students with the foundation they need to:

1. serve in a wide range of public and private sector professions
   requiring a high degree of proficiency in Spanish,
2. pursue doctoral studies, and
3. teach in institutions of higher learning.

The M.A. program is designed for students interested in advancing their
skills and knowledge within the context of organized research in Spanish
language, literature, and culture.

The M.A. program with minor allows students to advance their skills
and knowledge within the context of organized research in Spanish
language, literature, and culture and to develop a minor interest in a
related area. Students may choose among minors in the humanities,
social sciences, education, or other disciplines, or they may develop
special emphases in literary periods or areas such as Latin American
studies, Medieval/Renaissance studies, Chicano/Chicana literature,
critical theory, humanities, linguistics, education, or women's studies.

Financial Assistance
Qualified graduate students in the M.A. program may apply for
appointments as instructional assistants or teaching assistants. Application
forms for instructional assistantships and teaching assistantships are available from the department administrative
assistant. For information on other scholarship programs for graduate
students, contact The Graduate College.

Application Requirements
The items listed below are required for admission consideration
for applicable semesters of entry during the current academic
year. Submission instructions, additional details, and changes
to admission requirements for semesters other than the current
academic year can be found on The Graduate College’s website
(http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu). International students should
review the International Admission Documents webpage (http://
mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/admission-documents/international) for
additional requirements.

- completed online ApplyTexas application
- $40 nonrefundable application fee
- $50 nonrefundable international evaluation fee (if applicable)
- baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university
- official transcripts required from each four-year institution where
course credit was granted
- minimum 2.75 GPA in your last 60 hours of undergraduate course
work (plus any completed graduate courses)
- minimum 3.0 GPA in 12 or more upper division undergraduate hours
in Spanish, including six hours of Spanish literature
- GRE scores not required
- resume/CV including contact information for three references, at
least two of whom should be professors familiar with the student’s
academic work
- statement of purpose written in Spanish explaining professional and
personal interest in the M.A. in Spanish

TOEFL or IELTS Scores
Non-native English speakers who do not qualify for an English
proficiency waiver:

- official TOEFL iBT scores required with a 78 overall
- official IELTS (academic) scores required with a 6.5 overall and
  minimum individual module scores of 6.0

This program does not offer admission if the scores above are not met.

Degree Requirements
The Master of Arts (M.A.) degree with a major in Spanish requires 33
semester credit hours, including a thesis. Students who do not have
the appropriate background course work may be required to complete
leveling courses.

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Comprehensive Examination Requirements

All candidates for graduate degrees must pass one or more comprehensive examinations.

If a student elects to follow the thesis option for the degree, a committee to direct the written thesis will be established. The thesis must demonstrate the student's capability for research and independent thought. Preparation of the thesis must be in conformity with the Graduate College Guide to Preparing and Submitting a Thesis or Dissertation.


The student must submit an official Thesis Proposal Form (http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/forms.html) and proposal to his or her thesis committee. Thesis proposals vary by department and discipline. Please see your department for proposal guidelines and requirements. After signing the form and obtaining committee members’ signatures, the graduate advisor's signature if required by the program and the department chair's signature, the student must submit the Thesis Proposal Form with one copy of the proposal attached to the dean of The Graduate College for approval before proceeding with research on the thesis. If the thesis research involves human subjects, the student must obtain exemption or approval from the Texas State Institutional Review Board prior to submitting the proposal form to The Graduate College. The IRB approval letter should be included with the proposal form. If the thesis research involves vertebrate animals, the proposal form must include the Texas State IACUC approval code. It is recommended that the thesis proposal form be submitted to the dean of The Graduate College by the end of the student’s enrollment in 5399A. Failure to submit the thesis proposal in a timely fashion may result in delayed graduation.

Thesis Committee

The thesis committee must be composed of a minimum of three approved graduate faculty members.

Thesis Enrollment and Credit

The completion of a minimum of six hours of thesis enrollment is required. For a student's initial thesis course enrollment, the student will need to register for thesis course number 5399A. After that, the student will enroll in thesis B courses, in each subsequent semester until the thesis is completed. The only grades assigned for thesis courses are PR (progress), CR (credit), W (withdrawn), and F (failing). If acceptable progress is not being made in a thesis course, the instructor may issue a grade of F. If the student is making acceptable progress, a grade of PR is assigned until the thesis is completed. The minimum number of hours of thesis credit ("CR") will be awarded only after the thesis has been both approved by The Graduate College and released to Alkek Library.

A student who has selected the thesis option must be registered for the thesis course during the term or Summer I during the summer, the thesis course runs ten weeks for both sessions) in which the degree will be conferred.

Thesis Deadlines and Approval Process

Thesis deadlines are posted on The Graduate College (http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu) website under "Current Students." The completed thesis must be submitted to the chair of the thesis committee on or before the deadlines listed on The Graduate College website.

The following must be submitted to The Graduate College by the thesis deadline listed on The Graduate College website:

1. The Thesis Submission Approval Form bearing original (wet) and/or electronic signatures of the student and all committee members.
2. One (1) PDF of the thesis in final form, approved by all committee members, uploaded in the online Vireo submission system.

After the dean of The Graduate College approves the thesis, Alkek Library will harvest the document from the Vireo submission system for publishing in the Digital Collections database (according to the student’s embargo selection). NOTE: MFA Creative Writing theses will have a permanent embargo and will never be published to Digital Collections.

While original (wet) signatures are preferred, there may be situations as determined by the chair of the committee in which obtaining original signatures is inefficient or has the potential to delay the student's progress. In those situations, the following methods of signing are acceptable:

- signing and faxing the form
- signing, scanning, and emailing the form
- notifying the department in an email from their university’s or institution’s email account that the committee chair can sign the form on their behalf
- electronically signing the form using the university’s licensed signature platform.
If this process results in more than one document with signatures, all
documents need to be submitted to The Graduate College together.

No copies are required to be submitted to Alkek Library. However, the
library will bind copies submitted that the student wants bound for
personal use. Personal copies are not required to be printed on archival
quality paper. The student will take the personal copies to Alkek Library
and pay the binding fee for personal copies.

Master's level courses in Modern Languages: SPAN

Courses Offered

Spanish (SPAN)

SPAN 5100. Practicum in Teaching Spanish.
Required as a condition of employment for graduate teaching and
instructional assistants in their initial semester of employment. The
course provides regular in-service and planned periodic evaluations of
instructional responsibilities. This course does not earn graduate degree
credit. Repeatable with different emphasis.
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Graduate Assistantship|Exclude from Graduate GPA
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships

SPAN 5199B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollment. The
student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for
binding.
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

SPAN 5299B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollment. The
student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for
binding.
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

SPAN 5300. Foundation Studies in Spanish.
Course designed to develop knowledge and skills required for success in
graduate-level studies in Spanish. Course content varies depending on
academic preparation. This course does not earn graduate degree credit.
Repeatable up to 12 hours with different emphasis. Prerequisite: Approval
of graduate advisor in Spanish.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from Graduate GPA|Leveling
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships

SPAN 5306. STU SPN PEN LIT.
Selected works of Spanish literature which reflect lasting cultural values.
a) Medieval and Golden Age: realism and idealism; b) Modern spanish
thought: the individual in Spanish history and society.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Header
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SPAN 5307. STU SPAN AMER LIT.
Selected works of Spanish literature which reflect lasting cultural values.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Header
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SPAN 5308. STU HISPAN CULTURE.
Selected works of Spanish literature which reflect lasting cultural values.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Header
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SPAN 5310A. Voyages and Encounters in Spanish American Literature.
Thorough analysis of historical and fictional voyages. The course will
address how encounters with indigenous, ethnic minority, and foreign
cultures have influenced the development of individual, national and
regional identities in Spanish America. Readings will include accounts of
the Conquest, colonial texts, and literature for the 19th and 20th
centuries.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Topics
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SPAN 5310B. Don Quijote.
A close reading of the classic Spanish novel Don Quijote by Miguel de
Cervantes.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Topics
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SPAN 5310C. Poetry of Spain and Spanish America.
A focus on the genre of poetry through a close reading of a selection of
classical and contemporary poets from Spain and Spanish America.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Topics
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SPAN 5310D. Hispanic Literature: Gabriel García Márquez.
A study of selected works of Nobel Prize author Gabriel García Márquez,
focusing on literature, history, politics, and popular culture of Latin
America.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Topics
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SPAN 5310E. Hispanic Literature: Hispanic Film.
A study of Hispanic cultural issues through film and additional readings.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Topics
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SPAN 5310F. Contemporary Mexican Narratives.
This course focuses on contemporary Mexican narratives. Students
will study Mexico's literary trends such as La nueva narrativa, the Crack
Generation, women's literature, and the new historic and testimonial
fictions, in order to better understand the cultural process of the Mexico's
society in the late 20th and early 21st centuries.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3peat Processing|Topics
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
SPAN 5311. Studies in Medieval and Golden Age Spanish Peninsular Literature.
Selections of fiction, poetry, theatre, essay, and film of medieval and Golden Age Spain. May be repeated once with different emphasis for additional credit. (MULT).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SPAN 5312. Studies in Spanish Peninsular Literature from the Eighteenth Century to the Present.
Selections of fiction, poetry, theatre, essay, and film of Spain from the eighteenth century to the present. May be repeated once with different emphasis for additional credit. (MULT).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SPAN 5313. Studies in South American Literatures.
Selections of fiction, poetry, theatre, essay, and film of South America. May be repeated once with different emphasis for additional credit. (MULT).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Selections of fiction, poetry, theatre, essay, and film of Central America and the Caribbean. May be repeated once with different emphasis for additional credit. (MULT).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SPAN 5315. Studies in Mexican and Mexican-American Literatures.
Selections of Mexican and Mexican-American fiction, poetry, theatre, essay, and film. May be repeated once with different emphasis for additional credit. (MULT).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SPAN 5316. Studies in Spanish Peninsular Culture.
Culture, history, and society in literature, film, art, music, folklore, and mass media of Spain. May be repeated once with different emphasis for additional credit. (MULT).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SPAN 5317. Studies in the Cultures of the Americas.
Culture, history, and society in literature, film, art, music, folklore, and mass media of the Americas. May be repeated once with different emphasis for additional credit.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SPAN 5318. Advanced Composition and Grammar.
The study of grammar and writing through composition and analysis of ideas and texts. May be repeated once with different emphasis for additional credit. (MULT).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SPAN 5319. Synchronic Spanish Linguistics.
In this course students learn about Spanish dialectology, phonology, regional variation, migration impacts on language variety, issues of language maintenance and death, syntax, and current theories of language contact and koineization (i.e., the formation of new dialects). May be repeated once with different emphasis for additional credit. (MULT).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SPAN 5320. Diachronic Spanish Linguistics.
Evaluation of aspects of history of the Spanish language including pronunciation, word formation, sentence structure, dialects, and relations to other languages. May be repeated once with different emphasis for additional credit. (MULT).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

This course provides an overview of the major areas of applied linguistic research including: current theories in second language acquisition, teaching methodologies, bilingualism, performance, syntax, and computer assisted learning. May be repeated once with different emphasis for additional credit. (MULT).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SPAN 5322. Spanish for the Professions.
Topics vary and include the study of Spanish for business, law, medicine, criminal justice, and/or the social sciences. May be repeated once with different emphasis for additional credit. (MULT).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Independent study under supervision of a graduate faculty member in Spanish, with in-depth readings and research on a specific topic. May be repeated once with different emphasis for additional credit. Prerequisite: Approval by head of the Spanish Division and department chair. Application must be submitted prior to semester registration period. (MULT).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
SPAN 5399A. Thesis.
This course represents a student's initial thesis enrollment. No thesis credit is awarded until the student has completed the thesis in Spanish 5399B.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

SPAN 5399B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollment. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

SPAN 5599B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollment. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.

5 Credit Hours. 5 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

SPAN 5600. Internship and Foreign Study.
This course consists of an internship of at least four weeks duration in a foreign Spanish-speaking country. Interns will work with organizations that use Spanish in a professional context. Internships may be complemented by lectures, observations, interviews, or other activities relevant to the student's academic and professional interests.
Prerequisites: Completion of 18 credit hours required for the Master of Arts with a major in Spanish. Graduate advisor approval required.

6 Credit Hours. 6 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

SPAN 5999B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollment. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.

9 Credit Hours. 9 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit