MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) MAJOR IN SPANISH

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 2017-2018 academic year. Submission instructions, additional details, and changes to admission requirements for semesters other than the 2017-2018 academic year can be found on the program’s web page (http://gradcollege.txstate.edu/programs). International students should review the International Admission Documents (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/admission-documents/international) section of the catalog 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
- statement of purpose

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 33-hour Master of Arts (M.A.) major in Spanish is designed for students interested in advancing their skills and knowledge within the context of organized research in Spanish language, literature, and culture. Students in this program can choose from a thesis or a non-thesis option.

The 36-hour Master of Arts (M.A.) major in Spanish with a 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.

Course Requirements
33-hour Thesis Option

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### 36-hour Thesis Option

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**Approved Minor or Cognate**

Choose an advisor-approved minor of at least 6 hours 6

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**Total Hours** 36
36-hour Non-thesis Option

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**Approved Minor or Cognate**

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36-hour Non-thesis Option with Internship

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**Approved Minor or Cognate**

Choose an advisor-approved minor of at least 6 hours

**Total Hours**

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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.

**Thesis Proposal**

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. 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 their field, e.g., ENG 5399A, ENG 5199B, ENG 5299B, ENG 5399B, ENG 5599B, and ENG 5999B, in each subsequent semester until the thesis is defended with the department and approved by The Graduate College. Preliminary discussions regarding the selection of a topic and assignment to a research supervisor will not require enrollment for the thesis course.

Students must be enrolled in thesis credits if they are receiving supervision and/or are using university resources related to their thesis work. The number of thesis credit hours students enroll in must reflect the amount of work being done on the thesis that semester. It is the responsibility of the committee chair to ensure that students are making adequate progress toward their degree throughout the thesis process.
Failure to register for the thesis course during a term in which supervision is received may result in postponement of graduation. After initial enrollment in 5399A, the student will continue to enroll in a thesis B course as long as it takes to complete the thesis. Thesis projects are by definition original and individualized projects. As such, depending on the topic, methodology, and other factors, some projects may take longer than others to complete. If the thesis requires work beyond the minimum number of thesis credits needed for the degree, the student may enroll in additional thesis credits at the committee chair’s discretion. In the rare case when a student has not previously enrolled in thesis and plans to work on and complete the thesis in one term, the student will enroll in both 5399A and 5399B.

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.

Fee Reduction

A master’s degree candidate for graduation may be eligible for a one-time fee reduction under V.T.C.A. Education Code, Section 54.054. Please refer to the section titled Fee Reduction in the Additional Fees and Expenses chapter of this catalog for more information.

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 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. Graded on a credit (CR), no-credit (F) basis
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. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis
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. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis
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 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.
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.
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.
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
American
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 3-peat 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 of 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
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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
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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. 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 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
5 Credit Hours. 5 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. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis
9 Credit Hours. 9 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 5999A. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s initial 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