

SPANISH, M.A.

Saint Louis University's graduate program in Spanish can be finished in two years. Courses are offered year-round on accredited campuses in the dynamic urban areas of St. Louis, Missouri, or Madrid, Spain.

SLU's Spanish M.A. program focuses broadly on language, literature and culture, with courses offered in the three primary areas of Latin American studies, peninsular studies and linguistics.

Curriculum Overview

Degree requirements include 30 credits of coursework, a final written examination and a final oral examination. Students may fulfill all or part of the program requirements on either campus.

Graduate Handbook (<http://www.slu.edu/arts-and-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/pdfs/llcgradtsudenthandbook20-21.pdf>)

Spanish M.A. Reading List (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/spanish-ma/SpanMA2020+ReadingList.pdf>)

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

Students may fulfill all or part of the program requirements at the University's main campus in St. Louis or SLU's international campus in Madrid (<https://www.slu.edu/madrid/>).

Students who wish to pursue the program exclusively in Madrid may complete it in three summers (extendable to five) or through a combination of summers and regular spring and fall semesters.

Careers

A master's degree in Spanish is well suited to those planning or already engaged in professional careers such as teaching, translating, foreign service or international affairs, and provides excellent preparation for doctoral studies. Graduates of SLU's Spanish M.A. program have gone on to careers in education, law and nonprofit institutions.

Graduates will be able to determine viable future career paths through exposure to the field, guidance on professional issues, support in professional development, and networking/connection to peers and mentors both inside and outside of Saint Louis University.

Admission Requirements

- Undergraduate Spanish major (or equivalent)

Application Requirements

All application materials must be submitted through the Office of Graduate Admission (<https://www.slu.edu/apply.php>).

- Application form and fee
- Official transcripts (in English)
- Résumé or curriculum vitae (in English)
- Three letters of professional recommendation assessing the applicant's potential for graduate study
- **Professional goal statement:** This 1000-word statement should be in Spanish. The candidate should describe professional and intellectual goals and specific reasons for interest in graduate studies in Spanish, and demonstrate how these goals align with the curricula offered by SLU's M.A. program.

- **Writing sample:** This 10-page piece may be in English or Spanish, can be an excerpt from a longer piece and should demonstrate the candidate's capacity for graduate-level academic work.
- Interview in Spanish

Requirements for International Students

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students. International students must also meet the following additional requirements:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/>)
- Financial documents are required to complete an application for admission and be reviewed for admission and merit scholarships.
- Proof of financial support that must include:
 - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the student's time at Saint Louis University
 - A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of the student's study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include:
 - Courses taken and/or lectures attended
 - Practical laboratory work
 - The maximum and minimum grades attainable
 - The grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations
 - Any honors or degrees received.

WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Application Deadlines

To be given priority consideration, complete applications must be received by

- April 1 for the fall semester (beginning in August)
- Oct. 1 for spring semester (beginning in January)

Review Process

Each item listed above is taken into careful consideration by the examining committee before making admission recommendations.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

For priority consideration for departmental graduate scholarships, students should complete their applications by the program admission deadlines listed.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at <http://www.slu.edu/financial-aid> (<http://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>).

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to dialogue with key works and recent scholarship in Hispanic Literatures, Cultures & Linguistics.
2. Graduates will be able to write and conduct research in Spanish, evidencing analysis, argumentation and organization.
3. Graduates will be able to speak about and present on their coursework and research in Spanish.

4. Graduates will be able to teach language and cultures of the Spanish-speaking world, using current methods in Foreign Language Pedagogy, with a deep understanding of historical development as well as current relevance.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Latin American Studies		
Select at least two courses from the following:		6
SPAN 5240	Short Stories: History, Histories	
SPAN 5260	Latin American 'Modernismo'	
SPAN 5270	Contemporary Latin American Poetry	
SPAN 5280	Early Latin American Novel	
SPAN 5290	Boom, Mass Media and Utopia	
SPAN 5320	The African Experience in Spanish America	
SPAN 5330	Narratives on the End of Utopias	
SPAN 5340	Identities of the Other in 19th-c. Latin American Narrative	
SPAN 5350	Counter Hegemony Discourses	
SPAN 5360	Written by Herself: Latin American Women Writers	
SPAN 5370	Latin American Film	
SPAN 5380	Cultural Stereotypes: Latin America	
SPAN 5400	Strangers in a Familiar Land: Displacements in Latin America	
SPAN 5521	Hispanic Short-Short Stories (may count for either Latin American Studies or Peninsular Studies, but not both)	
Peninsular Studies		
Select at least two courses from the following:		6
SPAN 5521	Hispanic Short-Short Stories (may count for either Latin American Studies or Peninsular Studies, but not both)	
SPAN 5560	Don Quixote by Cervantes	
SPAN 5680	Contemporary Spanish Short Story	
SPAN 5700	Twentieth-Century Poetry	
SPAN 5710	Twentieth-Century Novel	
SPAN 5720	Twentieth-Century Drama	
SPAN 5740	From the Poetry of Knowledge to the Poetry of the Turn of the Century	
SPAN 5750	Spanish Novel After 1970	
SPAN 5760	Spanish Literature and Film	
SPAN 5770	Verbum: the Journey of Women Poets in Contemporary Spain	
SPAN 5780	Contemporary Spanish Women Writers	
SPAN 5820	Medieval Short Stories: Power, Wisdom and Fantasy in Tales	
Linguistics		
Select at least two courses from the following:		6
SPAN 5020	Spanish in the World	
SPAN 5030	Spanish Linguistics	
SPAN 5050	Spanish Phonology and Its Place in the Classroom	
Spanish Electives		

Select at least four courses from the above categories (Latin American Studies, Peninsular Studies, Linguistics) or from the following:

SPAN 5040	Methods of Teaching Spanish	
Total Credits		30

Non-Course Requirements

A final written examination over a reading list (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/spanish-ma/SpanMA2020+ReadingList.pdf>), as well as a final oral degree examination over coursework.

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
SPAN 5040	Methods of Teaching Spanish	3
SPAN 5XXX	Course in Peninsular or Latin American Spanish Studies	3
SPAN 5XXX	Course in Peninsular or Latin American Studies	3
Credits		9
Spring		
SPAN 5XXX: Course in Peninsular or Latin American Spanish Studies		3
SPAN 5XXX: Course in Peninsular or Latin American Spanish Studies		3
SPAN 5XXX: Course in Linguistics		3
Credits		9
Year Two		
Fall		
SPAN 5XXX	Elective	3
SPAN 5XXX	Elective	3
Credits		6
Spring		
SPAN 5XXX	Course in Linguistics	3
SPAN 5XXX	Elective	3
Credits		6
Total Credits		30

Program Notes

The sequence of courses will vary according to the student's previous experience with the language and individual preferences.

Students may also take courses at SLU's campus in Madrid (<http://www.slu.edu/madrid/>).

A maximum of six credits of course work may be approved for transfer toward fulfillment of degree requirements.

Additional requirements include a final written examination and a final oral examination.

Madrid

Students can complete all or part of their M.A. in Spanish at SLU's campus in Madrid. SLU-Madrid offers students immersive events at the Real Academia Española (Spanish Royal Academy) and at Spain's Ministry of Education's Instituto Cervantes.

Learn More (<https://www.slu.edu/madrid/academics/degrees-and-programs/spanish-ma.php>)

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