

# SPANISH, M.A.

Graduate Student Handbook (<http://www.slu.edu/arts-and-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/academics/french/llcgraduatehandbook.pdf>)

Reading List (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/spanish-ma/ma-spanish-reading-1819.pdf>)

Saint Louis University's graduate program in Spanish has a broad focus in language, literature and culture, with courses offered in the three primary areas of Latin American Studies, Peninsular Studies and Linguistics. Saint Louis University has two dynamic urban campuses in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain. Our program can be finished in two years, with courses offered year-round on both accredited campuses.

## Curriculum Overview

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

## Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

SLU's Spanish M.A. program is offered on two campuses: St. Louis and Madrid. Students may fulfill all or part of the program requirements on either campus.

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

## Careers

The program 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.

## Admission Requirements

Undergraduate Spanish major (or equivalent).

### Application Requirements

All application materials must be submitted through the Office of Graduate Admissions.

Please direct all general questions about the application to the Spanish M.A. Program Director: [spangrad@slu.edu](mailto:spangrad@slu.edu)

- Application form + fee
- GRE or Miller's Analogies score
- Official transcripts (in English)
- Résumé or curriculum vitae (in English)
- Three letters of professional recommendation assessing potential for graduate study
- Professional goal statement: This 1000-word statement should be in Spanish. The candidate should describe professional and intellectual goals, as well as 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, may be an excerpt from a longer piece, and should demonstrate 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 along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (<http://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency>)
- Proof of financial support must include:
  - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the 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 study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the 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, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

## Application Deadlines

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

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

Financial support is available through teaching or research assistantships.

## Review Process

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

## Scholarships, Assistantships and Financial Aid

For priority consideration for graduate assistantship, applicants should complete their applications by the program admission deadlines listed. Fellowships and assistantships provide a stipend and may include health insurance and a tuition scholarship for the duration of the award.

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

## Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to demonstrate mastery of three areas of Spanish studies: Peninsular literature and culture, Latin American literature and culture; and Spanish Linguistics.
2. Graduates will be able to demonstrate mastery of the key works of the literary and cultural canon, as represented by the MA reading list.
3. Graduates will be able to produce an original scholarly essay in Spanish that provides ample evidence of skill in conducting literary research, performing literary analysis, and writing in a convincing and well-organized fashion.

## Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Course Requirements</b>		
Of the 10 courses required for the degree, 2 must be in Latin American Studies, 2 in Peninsular Studies, and 2 in Linguistics.		30
Total Credits		30

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Graduate Courses</b>		
SPAN 5020	Spanish in the World	3
SPAN 5030	Spanish Linguistics	3
SPAN 5040	Methods and Technology for the Teaching of Spanish	3
SPAN 5050	Spanish Phonology and Its Place in the Classroom	3
SPAN 5070	Spanish Stylistics	3
SPAN 5080	Learning Texts: Traditions, Authenticity and Virtuality	3
SPAN 5790	Contemporary Spanish Culture & Civilization	3
SPAN 5190	Contemporary Latin-American Culture & Civilization	3
SPAN 5200	Intro to Literary Criticism	3
SPAN 5240	Short Stories: History, Histories	3
SPAN 5260	Latin American 'Modernismo'	3
SPAN 5270	Contemporary Latin American Poetry	3
SPAN 5280	Early Latin American Novel	3
SPAN 5290	Boom, Mass Media and Utopia	3
SPAN 5310	Women Writing Women: Latin American Women Playwrights	3
SPAN 5320	Themes in Latin American Literature	3
SPAN 5330	Narratives on the End of Utopias	3
SPAN 5350	Counter Hegemony Discourses	3
SPAN 5360	Written by Herself: Latin American Women Writers	3
SPAN 5370	Latin American Film	3
SPAN 5380	Cultural Stereotypes: Latin America	3
SPAN 5780	Contemporary Spanish Women Writers	3
SPAN 5830	El Cid/El Amor/La Celestina	3
SPAN 5560	Don Quixote by Cervantes	3
SPAN 5570	Golden Age Lyric Poetry	3
SPAN 5580	Golden Age Drama	3
SPAN 5610	19th Century Poetry & Drama	3
SPAN 5620	Nineteenth Century Novel	3
SPAN 5680	Contemporary Spanish Short Story	3
SPAN 5700	Twentieth-Century Poetry	3
SPAN 5710	Twentieth-Century Novel	3
SPAN 5720	Twentieth-Century Drama	3
SPAN 5740	From the Poetry of Knowledge to the Poetry of the Turn of the Century	3
SPAN 5750	Spanish Novel After 1970	3
SPAN 5770	Verbum: the Journey of Women Poets in Contemporary Spain	3

## Non-Course Requirements

A final written examination over a reading list or a research paper, 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
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
SPAN 5XXX	Course in Linguistics	3
SPAN 5XXX	Course in Peninsular or Latin American Spanish Studies	3
SPAN 5XXX	Course in Linguistics, Peninsular or Latin American Studies	3
		Credits
		9
<b>Spring</b>		
SPAN 5XXX	Course in Peninsular or Latin American Spanish Studies	3
SPAN 5XXX	Course in Peninsular or Latin American Spanish Studies	3
		Credits
		6
<b>Summer</b>		
SPAN 5XXX	Elective	3
		Credits
		3
<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
SPAN 5XXX	Course in Linguistics	3
SPAN 5XXX	Elective	3
		Credits
		6
<b>Spring</b>		
SPAN 5XXX	Elective	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 our campus in 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.