SPANISH, M.A.

Graduate Student Handbook (http://www.slu.edu/arts-and-sciences/languages-literatures-cultures/academics/french/llgraduatehandbook.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

- 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

- Jan. 15 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

Course Requirements
Of the 10 courses required for the degree, 2 must be in Latin American Studies, 2 in Peninsular Studies, and 2 in Linguistics.

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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.

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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.