SPANISH, M.A.

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

Saint Louis University's graduate program in Spanish offers a holistic and diversified approach to the study of Spanish language, Hispanic culture and literature, giving students a solid, up-to-date background in Hispanic studies and broadening their perspective within specific areas of interest.

Course offerings include Peninsular and Latin American literature and culture, Afro-Hispanic literature, film, art, women writers, linguistics and teaching methodologies.

Curriculum Overview

SLU's master's degree in Spanish is suited to those planning or already engaged in professional careers such as teaching or international affairs and provides excellent preparation for doctoral studies.

Degree requirements include 30 credits of coursework, a final written examination or research paper, and a final oral examination. Courses are offered year-round at Saint Louis University's campuses in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain. Students may fulfill all or part of the program requirements on either campus.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

The program is offered on two campuses: Madrid and St. Louis. Students may fulfill all or part of the program requirements on either campus. Students wishing to complete the program exclusively in Madrid have two options: they may complete it in three summers extendable to five, or they may complete it through a combination of summers and the regular spring and fall semesters.

Saint Louis University's Madrid campus, the first fully accredited U.S. University recognized by Spanish higher education authorities, has been educating students for more than 40 years. It is guided by the same Jesuit ideals and traditions as the St. Louis campus.

Careers

Graduates with an M.A. in Spanish are prepared for careers as teachers, foreign service officers, translators or travel consultants.

Admission Requirements

An undergraduate major in Spanish or the equivalent.

Applicants will be reviewed based on their GPA, TOEFL scores (for international applicants) and standardized test scores.

Application Requirements

- Application form and fee
- Transcript(s)
- Three letters of recommendation
- GRE score or Miller’s Analogy test score
- Résumé
- Interview (desired)
- Professional goal statement
- Writing sample 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

For priority consideration of assistantships, students must submit their application for the fall semester by March 1, and for the spring semester by October 1. International students should apply for the fall semester by May 1, and for the spring semester by October 1.

Review Process

The examining committee takes into account each item of the application.

Scholarships, Assistantships and Financial Aid

For priority consideration for graduate assistantships and tuition scholarships, applicants should complete their applications by the program admission deadlines listed. Fellowships and assistantships provide a stipend and health insurance 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

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## 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.

### Year One

#### Fall
- **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

#### Spring
- **SPAN 5XXX** Course in Peninsular or Latin American Spanish Studies 3
- **SPAN 5XXX** Course in Peninsular or Latin American Spanish Studies 3  
  **Credits** 6

#### Summer
- **SPAN 5XXX** Elective 3  
  **Credits** 3

### Year Two

#### Fall
- **SPAN 5XXX** Course in Linguistics 3
- **SPAN 5XXX** Elective 3  
  **Credits** 6

#### Spring
- **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 or research paper, and a final oral examination.