

SPANISH (MA)

Master of Arts in Spanish

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (<https://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/>) (GA)

Department: Classical and Modern Languages (<https://louisville.edu/modernlanguages/>)

Program Website (<https://louisville.edu/languages/spanish/graduate-programs/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): SPANMA, SPANMA_ACC

Program Information

The Master of Arts in Spanish at the University of Louisville offers broad-based coverage of fields in Hispanic studies, including literary/cultural studies, Spanish linguistics, and translation/interpretation. Through a combination of core courses taught exclusively in Spanish, electives taken either in Spanish or in contiguous programs of study, and faculty-directed research, students develop mastery in one of these fields, preparing themselves for increased cultural competence in the global workplace; more effective service to the Hispanic community; and/or greater competitiveness in doctoral programs in Hispanic studies or Spanish linguistics.

The Spanish MA also serves current primary and secondary school teachers of Spanish seeking to deepen their knowledge of the discipline.

Study abroad opportunities are available and may be supported by one of several departmental travel grants.

Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	Core Coursework	24
	Electives	6
Minimum Total Hours		30

Accelerated BA/MA in Spanish

The combined BA/MA program is an accelerated option for motivated and highly prepared undergraduates at the University of Louisville who wish to prepare themselves for the global economy, a multicultural community, and a changing workplace through the study of language, culture, linguistics, translation, and interpreting. Students admitted to the program may apply up to nine (9) credit hours of graduate coursework towards both the BA in Spanish and the MA in Spanish. After completing the undergraduate program and receiving the BA, the student will enter the graduate program and complete the remaining requirements for the MA.

To be considered for admission to the accelerated program, students must:

- Have a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.35.
- Complete a graduate application for admission to the Spanish BA/MA, students must apply for admission to the program no later than the end of their junior year to be eligible enroll in graduate coursework in their final year of the program.
- Submit two letters of evaluation.

Full details are available on the program website.

Admission Requirements

A prerequisite for admission to the Spanish MA is advanced proficiency in Spanish (speaking, aural comprehension, reading, and writing) and significant previous study of the Spanish language and Hispanic literature and cultures. Applicants who do not hold a BA in Spanish or the equivalent by their intended start date may be required to take remedial coursework to make up for any deficiencies.

Applications are considered throughout the academic year for admission in fall, spring, or summer, although priority will be given to applications received at least six weeks prior to the intended start date. The Director of Graduate Studies in Spanish reviews applications and, in consultation with the Spanish graduate faculty, makes all admission decisions. In rare cases, applicants may be admitted on a conditional basis even though application materials are incomplete.

The complete application includes:

- Graduate application (<http://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/apply-materials/application/>) and application fee.
- Transcripts from all accredited institutions where undergraduate and/or graduate credit was earned (submitted directly to the Graduate School by the institution). Minimum GPA required for undergraduate work: 3.0 on a four-point scale.
- Two letters of evaluation (submitted directly to the Graduate School by the evaluators). Detailed comments should accompany the evaluation form and address specifically the applicant's proficiency in both Spanish and English, preparation in Hispanic studies, and potential to do graduate work.
- A personal statement of 400-500 words, written in Spanish, discussing how the MA in Spanish relates to the applicant's professional or personal goals.
- A sample of academic writing of at least five pages, preferably a research paper written as part of the requirements for a university-level course. (May be in English or Spanish.)
- All applicants for whom English is a second language must also submit official TOEFL scores of 79 or higher on the internet-based test, 213 or higher on the computer-based test. English proficiency can also be met by submitting official IELTS scores of at least 6.5 overall band score from the academic module exam or official Duolingo overall score of 105. Students holding a bachelor's or advanced degree from an accredited institution in the United States may be exempt from this requirement.

NOTE: While submission of GRE scores is not required for admission to the Spanish MA program, it is strongly recommended for applicants who wish to be considered for a graduate teaching assistantship.

All application materials should be submitted electronically to the Graduate School.

Program Requirements

The MA in Spanish requires 30 credit hours of academic coursework at the graduate level, of which at least 18 credit hours must be taken at the 600-level. Upon approval of the Director of Graduate Studies, up to six (6) credit hours of graduate coursework taken at another institution or through an accredited study abroad program may be applied toward the degree.

Required Coursework

Code	Title	Hours
SPAN 524	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics	3
SPAN 544	Advanced Grammar and Stylistics	3
SPAN 644	Approaches to Hispanic Literature	3
or SPAN 648	Hispanic Cultural Studies	
SPAN 668	Directed Study Project	3
Emphasis Area		9
Select an area of emphasis, Translation and Interpretation or Language, Culture, and Linguistics		
Electives at 500 or 600 level		9
Minimum Total Hours		30