

Master of Arts in Spanish

The M.A. in Spanish focuses on the strengthening of the knowledge of Spanish teachers as well as of the intensive study of literature, linguistics, and culture for those students who will be continuing their advanced studies. The degree is also appropriate for those students seeking employment in the public or private sector in positions that serve the Latino community or require knowledge of Spanish at an advanced level.

Admission to the Program

In addition to the general requirements of the University, which include a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college, specific requirements for classification in the program are:

1. Completion of an undergraduate major in Spanish from an accredited institution consisting of at least 30 semester units, or 45 quarter units, or equivalent, of upper-division course work;
2. A cumulative undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0 ("B"), and a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in all Spanish classes;
3. Good standing at the last college attended (verified by student transcripts, see below);
4. Three letters of recommendation;
5. A one- to two-page statement describing the student's professional goals in the area of Spanish;
6. Submission of official transcripts from all previous college work to the department's graduate committee;
7. Verification of oral and written proficiency in Spanish at the ACTFL level of advanced mid or higher as determined by an entrance exam given by the Department of World Languages and Literatures, CSUSB. (This requirement is waived for candidates who received their B.A. in Spanish from CSUSB within the last five years of application to the M.A. in Spanish.);
8. Students who do not meet the above criteria may be admitted as conditionally classified graduate students per approval by the Graduate Committee and may be required to take additional upper-division Spanish undergraduate courses. Students who do not possess a B.A. in Spanish (but have a degree in another discipline) may also be required to take selected upper-division undergraduate courses (earning a minimum grade of "B" (3.0) in each assigned class).

Advancement to Candidacy

To be advanced to candidacy, the student must have:

1. Achieved classified status;
2. Completion of the writing requirement for graduate candidacy through completion of a program-specific writing intensive mandatory course, SPAN 6606, with a grade no lower than B;
3. Completed all course work taken before advancement to candidacy with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 ("B"). Completed all course work with no more than one course with a grade of "C" or lower. If a second such grade is earned, the student will be dismissed from the program, but may petition the graduate admission committee for readmission. After reviewing the petition, the committee may allow readmission under such conditions as it deems appropriate. A

third grade of "C" or lower will result in permanent dismissal from the program with no recourse to petition;

4. Submission of appropriate documentation verifying knowledge of a language other than English or Spanish at either the 1112 or second semester (or equivalent) level.

Requirements for Graduation

1. Advancement to candidacy;
2. Successful completion of 30-semester units of acceptable graduate work with at least 23 units completed at CSUSB. All coursework taken at other institutions must be approved by the Graduate Committee;
3. An overall GPA of at least 3.0 ("B") in all graduate-level course work;
4. Successful completion of Culminating Experience: SPAN 6698;
5. The graduation writing requirement is met upon the successful completion of SPAN 6606.

Degree Requirements (30 units)

Hispanic Literature, Linguistics, and Civilization (Program Code: SPNM)

Designed for students who wish to pursue an in-depth study of Spanish, Spanish American, and Latino literatures along with Spanish linguistics, and to prepare students for further advanced study.

Core Courses (3)

SPAN 6606	Research Methods	3
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Students may only count four 5000-level courses towards the M.A. (at least six courses must be at the 6000-level)

Linguistics Electives (9)

Nine units (three of the following courses):

SPAN 5505	Seminar in Hispanic Linguistics	9
SPAN 5507	Seminar in Special Interdisciplinary Topics in Spanish Literature, Linguistics, or Culture	
SPAN 6608	History of the Spanish Language	
SPAN 6615	Second Language Acquisition in Spanish	9
SPAN 6620	General Spanish Linguistics	
SPAN 6655	Spanish Applied Linguistics	
SPAN 6656	Spanish Semantics and Pragmatics	18

Literature Electives (18)

Eighteen units (six of the following courses) - students must take at least one course in Peninsular literature and one course in Spanish American literature:

SPAN 5501	Seminar in Peninsular Literature, Culture, Theater and Film	18
SPAN 5503	Seminar in Spanish American Literature, Culture, Theater and Film	
SPAN 5507	Seminar in Special Interdisciplinary Topics in Spanish Literature, Linguistics, or Culture	
SPAN 6625	Spanish Peninsular Literature	18
SPAN 6630	Spanish American Literature	
SPAN 6650	Spanish Peninsular Literature and Culture	
SPAN 6651	Spanish American Literature and Culture	

SPAN 6652	Modern Spanish American Literature	
SPAN 6653	Contemporary Chicano/Latino Literature in Spanish	
SPAN 6654	Modern Spanish Peninsular Literature	
Culminating Experience (0)		0
Total Units		30

Culminating Experience (0 units)

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SPAN 6698	Comprehensive Examination	0
Total Units		0