Master of Arts in Spanish

The Online Master of Arts in Spanish

The MA in Spanish is a fully online, 30 credit program of study that provides
high school teachers of Spanish and other individuals seeking to reach an
advanced level of proficiency the opportunity to attain the qualifications and
language skill level required to participate effectively in a variety of educational
and professional settings. Students are encouraged to personalize their program
of study by including nine credits of elective coursework in Spanish, Spanish for
the Professions, or in another approved area of study. Students may begin their
studies year-round, applying for the Fall, Spring, or Summer semester.

Curriculum, Master of Arts in Spanish

The MA in Spanish is a two-year, full-time program but students may complete
the MA on a part-time basis. Students can expect a rigorous and rewarding
program of study centered on advanced mastery of the Spanish language,
development of a deeper understanding of Hispanic literature and cultures,
and the opportunity to explore developments in language and second language
pedagogy. There are two main components to the MA: 1) Coursework and 2) the
MA Exams.

Total credits: 30

Required Courses: 15 required credits

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Suggested Electives:

Students choose 15 elective credits with a minimum of twelve credits at the
66XX level in Spanish or in another, approved area of study. Your assigned
MA advisor and the MA program Director must approve electives from other programs.

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a. Additional requirements.

OPI: In order to graduate, students must achieve a minimal rating of Advanced-
Low on the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview. Students not achieving the
required score must follow the remediation procedures outlined in the MA in
Spanish Student Handbook. The OPI must be taken at least 2 weeks before sitting
for the M.A. Exams.

MA Exams: Students will take MA Exams. Please see the MA in
Spanish Student Handbook for detailed information. M.A. Exams may be taken in
fall or spring. Please verify dates set by department with your advisor.

Admissions

1. Apply to the Graduate School at https://www.isu.edu/graduate/. Graduate
School admissions requirements are here: Graduate Admissions
Requirements (https://coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/graduateadmissions/).
Create your account, pay the application fee, and start uploading
the required information. For assistance call 208-282-2150 or email
gradadmissions@isu.edu.

2. In addition, you will need the following:
   a. A 3-5 minute video Statement of Intent spoken in the Spanish language
      addressing a) your experience with the language, b) your goals, and
c) how this program will help you reach those goals. This should not
be a scripted response, but rather an example of your ability to speak
extemporaneously in the Spanish language. Alternatively, the applicant
may submit a recent OPI evaluation (conducted in the past 4 years) as
evidence of their speaking ability.
   b. A Writing Sample in Spanish of at least 2.0 pages (approximately 1,000
      words) that conforms to the traditional 5-paragraph essay structure. A
university paper or professional report written in Spanish would be ideal.
If you do not have such, then you should write a paper on a topic of your
choice demonstrating command Spanish and using the aforementioned
5-paragraph structure to support a claim or thesis.
   c. Emails of two references (non-family members). One of these references
must be able to speak to the applicant’s academic qualifications and
the applicant’s potential as a graduate student in an online program in
Spanish (Desirable qualities include passion for Hispanic language and
cultures, intelligence, work ethic, prioritization and time management
skills, collegiality, professionalism, and resilience.) This recommender
will be contacted to submit a letter of recommendation electronically.
The other reference must be able to speak to the applicant's proficiency
with the Spanish language and will be asked to complete an online form
to this effect.

Need Help?

- MA Program Director, Dr. Carmen Febles, at carmenfebles@isu.edu.
- Graduate School Admissions: 208-282-2150 or gradadmissions@isu.edu
- Department of Global Studies & Languages: 208-282-3043
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