

# M.A. in Spanish

## Master of Arts in Spanish

The MA in Spanish is a fully online, 30-credit program of study that provides individuals seeking to reach an advanced level of proficiency the opportunity to attain the qualifications and language skill levels 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 another approved area of study. Students may begin their studies year-round, applying for the Fall, Spring, or Summer semesters.

The Spanish MA program at ISU is a year-round online program. Application deadlines for priority admission are as follows:

- September 15 for spring enrollment
- December 15 for summer semester enrollment
- March 15 for fall enrollment

## 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, the 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 M.A. Portfolio.

Code	Title	Credits
SPAN 5500	University Spanish Pedagogy and Advanced Grammar	3
SPAN 5501	Graduate Discourse	3
SPAN 5541	Survey of Peninsular Literature and Civilization	3
or SPAN 5542	Survey of Latin American Literature and Civilization	
SPAN 5545	Literary Theory	3
SPAN 6690	Spanish Graduate Seminar	3

### Suggested Electives 15

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.

GLBL 6600	Global Hispanic Issues
LANG 5537	The Teaching of Foreign Languages
SPAN 5541	Survey of Peninsular Literature and Civilization
SPAN 5542	Survey of Latin American Literature and Civilization
SPAN 6600	Topics in Spanish Language
SPAN 6675	Topics in Culture and Literature
SPAN 6676	Topics in Culture and Literatures II
SPAN 6690	Spanish Graduate Seminar
SPAN 6695	Research and Critical Analysis

**Total Credits 30**

## 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 submitting your MA Portfolio.
- MA Portfolio: Students must submit an MA portfolio. Please see the MA in Spanish Student Handbook for detailed information regarding this requirement. This requirement must be completed in the fall or spring. Please verify the dates set by the 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](mailto: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. Ideally, this should be a university academic paper written in Spanish about a literary, social, or cultural topic pertinent to the Spanish-speaking world. If you do not have such, then you should write a paper on a literary or cultural topic of your choice related to the Spanish-speaking world demonstrating your command of Spanish and using the aforementioned 5-paragraph structure to support a claim or thesis. All essays should include appropriate citations and a bibliography.
  - c. Emails of two academic or professional 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?

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