The master of arts program in Spanish is a dynamic academic unit that combines research and applied learning in order to advance knowledge of the Spanish language and the literatures and cultures of the Hispanic world.

At Texas State University, the Spanish M.A. program provides students with the foundation they need to 1) serve in a wide range of public and private sector professions requiring a high degree of proficiency in Spanish, 2) pursue doctoral studies, and 3) teach in institutions of higher learning.

Students may pursue course work in Iberian, Central American, South American, Caribbean, Mexican and Mexican-American literatures and cultures, and also in linguistics.

Members of the graduate faculty have a reputation for scholarly excellence and have diverse research and teaching interests. They are committed to students’ intellectual growth and academic progress.

“The quality of the Spanish M.A. at Texas State has exceeded my expectations since day one. In addition to the impressive variety of course offerings, the faculty in this department is top-notch. The dedication of each professor to his or her students is unparalleled, and this program has prepared me for a lifetime of success by giving me a broad academic background in the literature, culture and linguistics of the Hispanic world.”

— Allison Yakel SPANISH MASTER’S PROGRAM ALUMNA
Course Work
The master program’s thesis, internship abroad or additional course work plan provides flexibility for students completing their degree requirements.

Students can choose a 33-hour non-minor option, with all course work in Spanish, or 36 hours with a minor. Students may choose a minor or six hours of course work in a related area of interest such as Latin American studies, women’s and gender studies, Southwestern studies or education.

Both options require successful completion of a comprehensive examination. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA.

With Minor (36 hours)
• 24 hours in Spanish
• six hours (minimum) in approved minor or cognate area
• one of the following:
  - six hours of thesis
  - six hours of internship in a Spanish-speaking country
  - six hours of additional course work in Spanish

Without Minor (33 hours)
• 27 hours in Spanish
• one of the following:
  - six hours of thesis
  - six hours of internship in a Spanish-speaking country
  - six hours of additional course work in Spanish

Graduate Course Offerings
• Studies in Medieval and Golden Age Spanish Peninsular Literature
• Studies in Spanish Peninsular Literature from the Eighteenth Century to the Present
• Studies in South American Literatures
• Studies in Central American and Caribbean Literatures
• Studies in Mexican and Mexican-American Literatures
• Studies in Spanish Peninsular Culture
• Studies in the Cultures of the Americas
• Hispanic Cinema
• Advanced Composition and Grammar
• Synchronic Spanish Linguistics
• Diachronic Spanish Linguistics
• Spanish Applied Linguistics
• Spanish for the Professions

Admission Policy
Students must meet the following admission requirements for unconditional admission:
• 2.75 GPA during the last 60 hours of undergraduate work leading to the bachelor’s degree
• 3.0 GPA in 12 upper-division undergraduate hours in Spanish, including six hours in literature

Each applicant must submit the following to The Graduate College:
• the online Graduate College application through ApplyTexas
• one official transcript from each senior-level post-secondary institution attended
• statement of purpose written in Spanish explaining the applicant’s professional and personal interest in the M.A. in Spanish
• résumé/CV that includes contact information for three references, at least two of whom should be professors familiar with applicant’s academic work
• application fee

Visit www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/apply for access for an online application and additional details. Priority deadlines for applications to be considered for scholarships are January 15 for the fall semester and October 15 for the spring semester. After the priority deadline, applications will continue to be considered on a space available basis.

Financial Assistance
For more information about scholarships, financial aid and application deadlines, visit The Graduate College website at www.gradcollege.txstate.edu and click on Financing Your Graduate Education. Please note that program admission priority deadlines must be met in order to be considered for scholarships, fellowships and assistantships.

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