

LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS

Undergraduate Program Information

Programs of study in the Department of Languages and Linguistics prepare students for a diverse number of professions and provide them with critical skills that compliment many careers in an increasingly interdependent and global marketplace. Students also increase their awareness of the important role language plays in human interaction on individual and global levels.

Major curriculum plans in each language include balanced groups of courses in language, linguistics, literature and culture. Students may choose to major, double major or minor in French, German or Spanish.

For the undergraduate program in Spanish, students may earn credit by receiving the following scores on the AP exams: More specifically, for the AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam, with a score of 3, students receive 3 credits for either SPAN 316 or 318. With scores of 4 or 5, students receive 6 credits (SPAN 316 or 318) and SPAN 325. For the AP Spanish Literature and Culture Exam, with a score of 3, students receive 3 credits (SPAN 380) and for scores of 4 or 5, they receive 6 credits (SPAN 380 and SPAN 305).

Graduate Program Information

The Department of Languages and Linguistics offers a Master of Arts in Spanish, which may be completed through our program on the main campus or completely online. Students are asked to indicate an area of interest in either linguistics or literature. The degree requires a total of 36 credit hours. It is recommended that students focus at least 27 credit hours of that total in their selected area of interest. Main campus students may select either a thesis or a non-thesis option. Students selecting to follow the thesis option, may count up to 6 credit hours towards their degree total. Online students are limited to the non-thesis option only at this time.

Admission Requirements

Admission requirements include a BA in Spanish. An undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or above, which includes at least 12 semester hours of upper-division undergraduate courses in Spanish with a GPA of at least 3.0. Students must also satisfy general requirements of the Graduate School and submit the proper electronic online application and transcripts at the Graduate School website. Students must also complete a secondary admission packet (also submitted online through the Graduate School electronic application portal), which should include:

- A current resume (C.V.) in Spanish
- Three (3) letters of recommendation from qualified professionals (written within the last six months), preferably from past professors, that address the applicant's academic record.
- A writing sample in Spanish (critical or creative writing texts). If you do not have a six-page paper, you may submit multiple shorter works totaling six pages.
- A Language Evaluation Form (available for download at the departmental website) completed and signed by a qualified language evaluator. If you have an official ACTFL OPI rating certificate, this may be submitted in lieu of the Language Evaluation Form.
- An introductory letter in Spanish to include:

- A brief biography of one or two paragraphs along with your goals and objectives for obtaining a Master's degree in Spanish
- A statement of interest in either the residential (on-campus) program or the online program
- A statement of your prospective area of interest (Linguistics or Literature), and
- Your declaration of interest in being considered for a Graduate Teaching Assistantship (this option is only available for the residential [on-campus] program).

Only completed applications will be reviewed. Again, all materials should be submitted via the Graduate School electronic application portal. No materials should be sent directly to the department. Applying to the program does not guarantee admission to the program. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all materials have been submitted correctly.

Application deadlines: September 15 for admission for the following Spring semester (which begins in January), and January 15 for admission for the following Fall semester (which begins in August). Students will be advised upon their formal acceptance into the program.