

SPANISH - M.A.

College of Arts and Sciences

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Description

Admission to the Literature concentration has been temporarily suspended as of fall 2018.

The Master of Arts degree in Spanish provides an advanced education in Spanish, which integrates the language, linguistics, literature and culture of Spain and Latin America and the latest methodologies in the teaching of Spanish.

The Spanish major comprises the following concentrations:

- The **Applied Linguistics and Pedagogy** concentration is intended primarily for students who wish to teach in elementary and secondary schools or beginning and intermediate levels of post-secondary study, and to increase their effectiveness as teachers.
- The **Literature** concentration is intended for those who wish to increase their knowledge of literature and culture along with their command of the language for various purposes.

Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university for unconditional admission
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
- Official transcript(s)
- Goal statement
- A CD or MP3/wav file with a 5-10-minute oral sample in both applicant's first and second languages (conversational, not read from a script)
- Writing sample(s) in applicant's second language, which should be accompanied by a signed declaration that the sample is original work and that the applicant received no help in its preparation. International applicants should also submit a writing sample in English
- Three letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
 - Minimum 550 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
 - Minimum 79 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
 - Minimum 77 MELAB score
 - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
 - Minimum 58 PTE score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

Program Requirements

Major requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
SPAN 68215	ADVANCED SPANISH COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION	3
Concentrations		
Choose from the following:		30
Applied Linguistics and Pedagogy		
Literature		
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		33

Applied Linguistics and Pedagogy Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
MCLS 50660	METHODS OF TEACHING FOREIGN LANGUAGES ¹	3
MCLS 60601	LINGUISTICS FOR THE LANGUAGE PROFESSIONS	3
MCLS 60661	THEORIES IN SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION	3
MCLS 60698	SECOND LANGUAGE RESEARCH METHODS	3
SPAN 58216	CONTEMPORARY HISPANIC CULTURE	3
Second Language Pedagogy Electives		9
Spanish Literature and Culture/Civilization Electives		6
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		30

¹ Students who are already licensed to teach language in Ohio may, with departmental approval, substitute a graduate second-language pedagogy elective for MCLS 50660.

Literature Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
Spanish Drama Elective		3
Spanish Poetry Elective		3
Spanish Prose Elective		3
Spanish Literature, Culture and Language Electives ^{1,2}		21
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		30

¹ A maximum 6 credit hours of individual investigation research may be applied toward the degree.

² Students interested in a thesis option may register for a maximum of 6 credit hours of SPAN 68199.

Graduation Requirements

- Students in the Applied Linguistics and Pedagogy concentration must successfully complete a final project, a portfolio or a comprehensive examination. In addition, students complete an exit oral interview and an exit essay examination in Spanish. Students are encouraged to enroll in study-abroad programs (maximum 6 credit hours) and in specialized workshops in advanced language or pedagogy (maximum 4 credit hours). Departmental permission must be obtained before enrolling in such programs.
- Students in the Literature concentration must successfully complete a comprehensive examination. Students who anticipate enrolling in a doctorate elsewhere after completing the M.A. degree are urged to write a thesis. Students who write a thesis must successfully pass a modified comprehensive examination.