Spanish, Ph.D.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS (http://www.cla.temple.edu)

About the Program

The graduate program in Spanish integrates the established fields of Literature and Linguistics. At the Ph.D. level, the program provides opportunities for advanced study and research in Spanish Peninsular Literature, Spanish American Literature, and Hispanic Linguistics as it trains scholars for careers in higher education.

Time Limit for Degree Completion: 7 years

Campus Location: Main

Full-Time/Part-Time Status: The degree program can be completed on a full- or part-time basis.

Areas of Specialization: Areas of specialization include:

- Spanish Peninsular Literature
- Spanish American Literature
- Hispanic Linguistics

Job Prospects: The department has an excellent record of placing graduates as full-time faculty in public and private universities.

Non-Matriculated Student Policy: Non-matriculated students may take up to three courses with approval of the department or Graduate Chair.

Financing Opportunities: Teaching Assistants typically teach basic and intermediate Spanish or conversation, composition, and reading courses. Assistantships carry a stipend and tuition remission. Candidates for Teaching Assistantships should express their interest and special needs in an addendum to the personal statement of the application to the graduate program.

Admission Requirements and Deadlines

Application Deadline:

Fall: January 15
Spring: September 30

Applications are evaluated as they arrive, with attention paid to deadlines.

APPLY ONLINE to this graduate program.

Letters of Reference:

Number Required: 3

From Whom: Letters of recommendation should be obtained from college/university faculty members with personal knowledge of the applicant's academic and scholarly achievements.

Master's Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline: A master's degree in Spanish with an emphasis in Literature and/or Linguistics is required.

Bachelor's Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline: All applicants must present credentials that are the equivalent of the appropriate baccalaureate degree at Temple University.

Statement of Goals: Approximately 2 to 3 pages include your interest in Temple's Spanish program, future career goals, research goals, academic achievements, and any related experience. Applicants interested in Teaching Assistantships, Fellowships, or other financial support may describe special needs in an addendum to their personal statement.

Standardized Test Scores:

GRE: Required. Typical GRE scores range from 153 to 166 in verbal reasoning and 144 to 155 in quantitative reasoning or 500 to 700 on the old version of the GRE. Applicants from Spanish-speaking countries may present EXADEP scores instead.

International applicants are required to provide scores from one of the following tests: Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL®), the International English Language Testing System (IELTS™), or the Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic™).

Resume: Current resume required.

Writing Sample: A paper or journal article in Spanish is required as a writing sample.
Advanced Standing: Students are awarded advanced standing based on a review of transcripts and descriptions of previous graduate coursework in Spanish Literature or Spanish Linguistics. The maximum number of advanced standing credits awarded is 30.

Program Requirements

General Program Requirements:
Number of Credits Required Beyond the Master's: 39

Required Courses:

Core Courses
- SPAN 8001 Hispanic Bibliography and Research 3
- SPAN 8161 Critical Approaches to Hispanic Literature 3

Other Courses
- 27 courses in Spanish Peninsular Literature, Spanish American Literature, and Hispanic Linguistics
- 2-3 approved courses in related fields outside the Department of Spanish and Portuguese

Non-Didactic Courses
- SPAN 9994 Preliminary Examination Preparation 6
- SPAN 9998 Pre-Dissertation Research
- SPAN 9999 Dissertation Research

Total Credit Hours 39

1 Coursework, including master's-level courses, must include 10-11 core courses, which combine a 6-course core distribution requirement and other specific core courses, and 10-11 courses beyond the core, including 6 courses in the dissertation field and a minimum of 5 advanced courses. A total of 21 courses is required, including those for the master's degree.

2 18 credits minimum

3 9 credits maximum

Language Examination: Students must pass written reading-comprehension examinations in two foreign languages other than Spanish. Examinations are usually taken in the Romance languages or German. Other languages may be accepted with approval.

Culminating Events:

Preliminary Examination:
The purpose of the written preliminary examination is to demonstrate critical and interpretive knowledge in two specific areas of Hispanic Studies. It is based on a required reading list. The examination is 10 hours long and focuses on one primary and one supporting area. The primary area must be selected from the main field of concentration for the dissertation. The supporting area is selected from the other fields of study within the department. The preliminary examination should be completed no more than one term after the student completes the coursework component of the program.

Examination areas are drawn from the three fields of study within the department: Spanish Peninsular Literature, Spanish American Literature, and Hispanic Linguistics. Graduate Faculty members specializing in the subject areas selected for the examination write the questions for the preliminary examination and evaluate the examination. Each member grades examination answers on a scale of "A" to "F." A grade of "B-" or higher must be achieved in response to each question. The evaluators look for breadth and depth of understanding of specific research areas; the critical application of knowledge in response to specific exam questions; and an ability to write in a clear and concise manner using appropriate terminology.

The preliminary examination is given over a period of two weeks. Students who are preparing to write their preliminary examinations must meet with the Graduate Chair to register and confirm subject areas, dates, and times for the examination. The Graduate Chair or an Administrative Assistant proctors all examinations.

Proposal:
The dissertation proposal demonstrates the student's knowledge and ability to conduct the proposed research. The proposal typically consists of the presentation of the context and background surrounding a particular research question or problem; a survey and review of pertinent literature; and a detailed methodological plan for carrying out the proposed research. The proposal should be completed and approved by the student's Doctoral Advisory Committee no more than one year after the student completes coursework.

Dissertation:
The doctoral dissertation is an original empirical or theoretical study that makes a significant contribution to the field of Hispanic Studies. It should expand existing knowledge and demonstrate the student's mastery of research methods and of her/his primary area of research. The dissertation should be rigorously investigated, uphold the ethics and standards of the field, and demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the primary area of research and the broader field of Hispanic Studies.
The Doctoral Advisory Committee is formed to oversee the student’s dissertation research and is comprised of three Graduate Faculty members. One is the Committee Chair, who has responsibility for directly overseeing and guiding the student’s progress, coordinating the responses of the Committee members, and informing the student of her/his academic progress.

The Dissertation Examining Committee is comprised of the Doctoral Advisory Committee and at least one additional examiner from outside the Department of Spanish and Portuguese. The outside examiner should be identified no later than the beginning of the term in which the student plans to defend the dissertation. The Dissertation Examining Committee evaluates the student’s dissertation and public oral examination, including the student’s ability to express verbally her/his research question, methodological approach, primary findings, and implications. The Committee votes to pass or fail the dissertation and the defense at the conclusion of the public oral defense.

If a student needs to change a member of a Committee, the new member must be approved by the department's Graduate Committee and registered with the Graduate Secretary and the Graduate School.

Students who are preparing to defend their dissertation must confirm a time and date with their Doctoral Advisory Committee Chair at least one month before the defense is to be held. After the Chair has arranged the time, date, and room for the defense, a completed "Announcement of Dissertation Defense" form, found at http://www.temple.edu/grad/forms/, must be delivered to the Graduate School by the student at least 10 days before the defense. The department posts flyers announcing the defense.

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Courses

SPAN 5083. Directed Readings. 1 to 3 Credit Hour.
Guided readings in Spanish, focusing on themes and topics in Hispanic culture, literature and/or linguistics.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 5121. Survey in Spanish Literature. 3 Credit Hours.
Survey of selected periods and themes of Spanish literature.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 5122. Medieval Spanish Literature. 3 Credit Hours.
This course analyzes Spanish texts written during the Middle Ages.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 5124. 16th and 17th Century Spanish Literature. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is devoted to the study of the literature produced during what has been called the Spanish Golden Age.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 5126. Cervantes. 3 Credit Hours.
The course entails an in-depth study of Miguel de Cervantes' selected works

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 5136. 18th and 19th Century Spanish Literature. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is devoted to the study of Spanish literature during the 18th and 19th centuries.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 5137. Hispanic Modernism. 3 Credit Hours.
Using significant works by leading authors (i.e., Casal, Gutierrez Najera, Jimenez, Machado, Marti, Unamuno, and/or Valle-Inclan), this course explores aspects of Modernity in Spain and/or Spanish America.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 5138. 20th and 21st Century Spanish Literature. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is devoted to the study of Spanish literature during the 20th and/or 21st centuries.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 5141. Survey in Spanish-American Literature. 3 Credit Hours.
Survey of selected periods and themes in Spanish American literature.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.
SPAN 5142. Spanish-American Short Story. 3 Credit Hours.
This course explores the evolution of the Spanish-American short story.

**Level Registration Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 5143. Spanish American Novel. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is devoted to the in-depth study of the Spanish-American novel.

**Level Registration Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 5144. Spanish American Poetry. 3 Credit Hours.
This course studies the trends in Spanish-American poetry.

**Level Registration Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 5146. National Literatures of Spanish America. 3 Credit Hours.
This course studies literature in its cultural context focusing on texts from one or more countries in Spanish America.

**Level Registration Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 5147. 20th and 21st Century Puerto Rican Authors. 3 Credit Hours.
This course covers topics and authors in Puerto Rican literature.

**Level Registration Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 5148. Latin American Literature of Social Conflict. 3 Credit Hours.
This course analyzes class, ethnic, gender, religious, and other social conflicts in Latin American literature.

**Level Registration Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 5151. Literature of the Caribbean. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a comparative study of representative literary works from Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and non-Spanish speaking nations of the Caribbean.

**Level Registration Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 5152. U.S. Latino Literature. 3 Credit Hours.
This course examines U.S. Latino literature.

**Level Registration Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 5161. Hispanic Literature through Art. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a comparative study of trends and styles in Hispanic literature in the context of trends and styles in the history of art.

**Level Registration Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.
SPAN 5301. Spanish Phonetics. 3 Credit Hours.
This course studies the articulatory and acoustic nature of Spanish phonemes and allophones, the syllable, stress, suprasegmentals, and intonation, with attention to regional variation and comparisons with English.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

SPAN 5302. Introduction to Spanish Linguistics. 3 Credit Hours.
This course covers concepts and methods of linguistic description and explanation applied to the phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics of the Spanish language.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

SPAN 5303. Spanish/English Contrasts. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a systematic study of the phonological, morphosyntactic, and lexico-semantic patterns of Spanish and English.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

SPAN 5304. Spanish Applied Linguistics. 3 Credit Hours.
This course takes a linguistic approach to theories of language learning and teaching, including second language acquisition.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

SPAN 5305. History of the Spanish Language. 3 Credit Hours.
This course covers the development of the Spanish language from its early beginnings (Latin) to the many present-day regional, social, and stylistic varieties. Analysis is made of the phonological, morphological, syntactic, lexical, and semantic changes Spanish went through.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

SPAN 5306. Spanish Sociolinguistics. 3 Credit Hours.
This course covers the concepts and methods in sociolinguistic research as applied to the study of variation and change in the Spanish language.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

SPAN 5401. The Art of Translation. 3 Credit Hours.
This is an advanced course on the strategies of translating literary texts from Spanish to English, including practice and practical orientation.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

SPAN 8001. Hispanic Bibliography and Research. 3 Credit Hours.
This course presents the tools and methods of research and investigation in Spanish and Ibero-American languages and literatures.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

SPAN 8110. Seminar in Spanish and Spanish-American Literature. 2 to 3 Credit Hours.
The students examine intensively particular topics or issues concerning Spanish and/or Spanish-American literature. This course may be repeated if subject varies.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.
SPAN 8122. Seminar in Medieval Spanish Literature. 3 Credit Hours.
This course studies aspects of medieval Spanish literature.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 8130. Seminar in Golden Age Literature. 3 Credit Hours.
This course studies aspects of Golden Age-Spanish literature.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 8140. Seminar in 18th and 19th Century Spanish-American Literature. 3 Credit Hours.
This course studies aspects of 18th and/or 19th century Spanish literature.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 8141. Seminar in 20th and 21st Century Spanish Literature. 3 Credit Hours.
This course studies aspects of 20th and/or 21st century Spanish literature.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 8146. Colonial and 19th Century Spanish-American Literature. 3 Credit Hours.
This course studies aspects of colonial and/or 19th century Spanish American literature.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 8147. 20th and 21st Century Spanish-American Literature. 3 Credit Hours.
This course studies aspects of 20th and/or 21st century Spanish American literature.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 8149. Spanish-American Theater. 3 Credit Hours.
This graduate seminar deals with the developments in Spanish-American theater since Naturalism.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

SPAN 8161. Critical Approaches to Hispanic Literature. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides an overview of critical theories and schools of thought in literary criticism.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 8300. Seminar in Spanish Linguistics. 2 to 3 Credit Hours.
This course covers selected problems in the field of Spanish language and linguistics using a contemporary analytical and/or historical approach.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.
SPAN 8301. Spanish Phonology and Morphology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides an advanced theoretical and applied study of the sound system and the morphological system of present day Spanish and their relationship to each other.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 8302. Syntax. 3 Credit Hours.
This course covers the advanced theoretical study of Spanish syntax that combines generalizations of a descriptive nature with current syntactic theories such as functionalism and minimalism. Topics studied are noun phrase and verb phrase structure, case assignment and arguments, predication, transitivity/intransitivity, voice and syntactic relations.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 8303. Hispanic Dialectology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course discusses the mechanisms of dialectal differentiation in Spain and Latin America as the result of diatopic, diastratic, and diachronic changes through normal language transmission and internal development, with special attention given to both historical and contemporary perspectives.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 8304. Spanish Language of Puerto Rico. 3 Credit Hours.
This course studies the history, dialectology, and sociolinguistics of the Spanish language in Puerto Rico.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 8305. Comparative Romance Linguistics. 3 Credit Hours.
This seminar covers topics from several Romance languages - Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, and French - including synchronic and diachronic perspectives.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 8385. Internship in the Teaching of Spanish. 3 Credit Hours.
This is a theoretical and practical course required for all new teaching assistants. Theories and applications of teaching Spanish as a foreign language, class management, lesson planning, curriculum design, testing, and grading are covered. Supervision of teaching of Spanish language classes is provided.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

SPAN 8985. Teaching Higher Education: Language. 3 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on learning theory and the best teaching practices, with the aim of preparing students for effective higher education teaching.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

SPAN 9001. Spanish for Graduate Reading Knowledge. 1 Credit Hour.
This course provides guidance and practice in the reading of Spanish language texts for students preparing for the Spanish reading/translation exam.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.
SPAN 9083. Directed Readings. 1 to 3 Credit Hour.
This course is offered for students who wish to pursue independent study of research topics with faculty supervision. It is not to be used as a substitute for courses offered in the Department.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 9991. Directed Research. 1 to 3 Credit Hour.
This course is offered for students who wish to pursue independent study of research topics with faculty supervision. It is not to be used as a substitute for courses offered in the Department.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 9994. Preliminary Examination Preparation. 1 to 6 Credit Hour.
Must be taken by all graduate students in the semester following coursework completion.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 9998. Pre-Dissertation Research. 1 to 6 Credit Hour.
Must be taken by all students in the Ph.D. program who have finished coursework, passed the Preliminary Examination, and are preparing the dissertation proposal.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPAN 9999. Dissertation Research. 1 to 12 Credit Hour.
This course is intended only for those students who have achieved Ph.D. Candidacy status. A minimum of 6 semester hours is required for graduation.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.
Student Attribute Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: Dissertation Writing Student.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.