

# Spanish MA

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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Learn more about the Master of Arts in Spanish.

## About the Program

The graduate program in Spanish integrates the established fields of Literature and Linguistics. At the MA level, the program develops advanced Spanish-language skills for diverse careers and trains students in the exercise of research and pedagogical skills necessary for the pursuit of the PhD.

**Time Limit for Degree Completion:** 3 years

**Campus Location:** Main

**Full-Time/Part-Time Status:** The degree program can be completed on a full- or part-time basis. Courses may be taken in person or online upon availability.

**Study Abroad:** Students may apply one approved non-Temple graduate course done in a Spanish-speaking country toward fulfillment of the MA requirements in Spanish. Opportunities for graduate study abroad through Temple programs are available occasionally.

**Areas of Specialization:** Areas of specialization include:

- Spanish Peninsular Literature
- Latin American Literature
- Hispanic Linguistics

**Job Prospects:** Graduates of the MA program in Spanish typically find employment in secondary education, in business and government, and in social and medical services.

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

## Admission Requirements and Deadlines

**Application Deadline:**

*Fall:* January 15

*Spring:* October 30

Applications are evaluated as they arrive, with attention paid to deadlines. Late applications may be considered.

*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 achievements.

**Coursework Required for Admission Consideration:** An undergraduate major in Spanish or its coursework equivalent is required for entrance into the MA program.

**Bachelor's Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline:** A baccalaureate degree, preferably in Spanish, is required for admission.

**Statement of Goals:** In approximately 2 to 3 pages, share 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: Optional. Scores may be submitted if available.

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 written in Spanish is required.

**Transfer Credit:** One course (3 credits) undertaken while the student is enrolled in Temple's Spanish MA program may be transferred from a program in a Spanish-speaking country. The course must be a graduate course, and it must be approved by the Graduate Advisor. The maximum number of credits a student may transfer is 3.

## Program Requirements

### General Program Requirements:

*Number of Credits Required Beyond the Baccalaureate:* 30

*Required Courses:*

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Non-advanced (5000-level) courses <sup>1</sup>		12
Advanced (8000- and 9000-level) courses <sup>2</sup>		18
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup> Twelve credits is the maximum number that a student may take of 5000-level coursework.

<sup>2</sup> Eighteen credits is the minimum number that a student may take of 8000- and 9000-level coursework.

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

### Culminating Event:

*Comprehensive Examination:*

The purpose of the comprehensive examination is to evaluate the breadth and depth of students' knowledge of the discipline. Students must write a four-hour written comprehensive examination based on a customized reading list agreed on through consultation with three faculty members from the three course fields within the department: Spanish Peninsular Literature, Latin American Literature, and Hispanic Linguistics. The examination is taken after the student fulfills the 30-credit course requirement and passes the reading-comprehension exam in a language other than Spanish or English.

All examinations must include representation from each of three course fields: Spanish Peninsular Literature, Latin American Literature, and Hispanic Linguistics. Graduate Faculty from each of the three fields write the questions and evaluate responses on a scale of "A" to "F." To be evaluated as passing, a grade of "B-" or higher must be achieved in response to each examination question.

Comprehensive examinations are administered once a term. They are scheduled by the Graduate Chair, with whom students must register.

## Accelerated Programs

Undergraduate students may opt to pursue an accelerated +1 program, enabling them to complete both a bachelor's degree and master's degree in less time than the traditional route.

The accelerated pathway for the Spanish MA is only available to students pursuing the Spanish BA.

**Cohort Code:** XMASPAN

**Minimum Cumulative GPA:** 3.25

## Graduate Courses Approved to Count for Both Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Select four courses from the following: <sup>1</sup>		12
SPAN 5060	Special Topics	
SPAN 5121	Survey in Spanish Literature	
SPAN 5122	Medieval Spanish Literature	
SPAN 5124	16th and 17th Century Spanish Literature	
SPAN 5126	Cervantes	
SPAN 5136	18th and 19th Century Spanish Literature	
SPAN 5137	Hispanic Modernism	
SPAN 5138	20th and 21st Century Spanish Literature	
SPAN 5141	Survey in Spanish-American Literature	

SPAN 5142	Spanish-American Short Story
SPAN 5143	Spanish American Novel
SPAN 5144	Spanish American Poetry
SPAN 5146	National Literatures of Spanish America
SPAN 5148	Latin American Literature of Social Conflict
SPAN 5151	Literature of the Caribbean
SPAN 5152	U.S. Latino Literature
SPAN 5161	Hispanic Literature through Art
SPAN 5301	Spanish Phonetics
SPAN 5302	Introduction to Spanish Linguistics
SPAN 5303	Spanish/English Contrasts
SPAN 5304	Spanish Applied Linguistics
SPAN 5305	History of the Spanish Language
SPAN 5306	Spanish Sociolinguistics
SPAN 5401	The Art of Translation

<sup>1</sup> Each SPAN 5000-level course will fulfill a SPAN 4000-level elective towards the bachelor's degree in Spanish.

## Suggested Academic Plan

Course	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>Spring</b>		
SPAN 5000-level course from approved list		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Year 4</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
SPAN 5000-level course from approved list		3
SPAN 5000-level course from approved list		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
SPAN 5000-level course from approved list		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

## Admissions Criteria

Candidates for the +1 program must:

- be a declared Spanish major.
- have a minimum of 3.25 cumulative GPA and be able to complete the undergraduate degree within one year of program entry.
- have a minimum of 3.50 GPA in Spanish coursework.
- have two letters of support from tenure-track faculty in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese who can vouch for the student's readiness for graduate work.
- submit a writing sample, usually from an upper-division Spanish course.
- submit a resume.
- be able to complete the graduate degree in one additional year.

**Application:** <https://apply.temple.edu/CLA/Pages/Welcome.aspx>

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<https://www.temple.edu/academics/degree-programs/spanish-ma-la-span-ma>

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