Department of Modern Languages

Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs



Master of Arts in Spanish

The Department of Modern Languages offers the Master of Arts in Spanish that focuses on Peninsular literature and Spanish American literature, including the literature written by Hispanics in the United States. The program consists of 33 semester hours of graduate level work, which includes six (6) core courses and three (3) elective courses that are required at the 5000-and 6000-level. In addition, the Department offers a Master of Arts in Spanish with an Emphasis in Spanish Language, Culture, and Literature, which is also 33 credit hours.

Degree Requirements

Core Courses (18 credits)

- SPW 5806 Methods of Literary Research (3 Credits)
- FOL 5800 Foreign Language Teaching Methodology (3 Credits)
- One course in either Medieval Spanish literature or literature of the Golden Age (3 Credits)
- One course in Peninsular Spanish literature of the 19th or the 20th century (3 Credits)
- Two courses in Spanish American literature (Colonial or 20th-century) (6 Credits)

Required Coursework (9 Credits)

- Spanish or Spanish American literature (3 Credits)
- Spanish or Spanish American literature, Linguistics, or Spanish/Spanish American Culture (6 Credits)

Exit Option (6 Credits)

Students must either complete a thesis or complete two (2) elective courses and write a research paper. (6 Credits)

MA in Spanish with an Emphasis in Spanish Applied Language, Culture and Literature Degree Requirements

Core Courses (6 Credits)

- SPW 5806 Methods of Literary Research (3 Credits)
- FOL 5943 Foreign Language Teaching Methodology (3 Credits)

Required Coursework (21 Credits)

- Graduate Spanish courses in Linguistics or Spanish Language Pedagogy. Courses must be taught in Spanish. (9 Credits)
- Graduate Spanish courses in Literature, Spanish Culture, and/or Spanish Film courses. Courses must be taught in Spanish. (9 Credits)
- Graduate English course in Linguistics or Literature (3 Credits)

Electives (6 Credits)

Up to 6 credits of electives. Elective courses can be taken in Modern Languages and/or any School or Department at FIU. Electives from outside MOL must be approved by the Graduate Program Director.



Admissions Requirements

- Hold a bachelor's degree in Spanish from an accredited university or college.
- Have attained a minimum 3.0 grade point average during the last two years of her/his undergraduate program.
- International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).
- Demonstrate the ability to speak and to write Spanish with near-native fluency. Demonstrate the ability to read English with excellent proficiency. An examination may be necessary.
- Apply for admission to the Graduate Admissions Office and submit to the Department of Modern Languages the following documentation: a) two letters of recommendation from former professors, b) a resume, c) a statement of purpose in English or Spanish, addressing the candidate's goals and objectives in pursuing a master's degree in Spanish, and d) a writing sample in Spanish, preferably a term paper or thesis, of analytical nature, on a literary subject.

Information on how to apply can be found at https://admissions.fiu.edu/how-to-apply/graduate-applicant. If you have any questions, please contact **Dr. Maida Watson**, Graduate Program Director at watsonm@fiu.edu.

