

# Department of Modern Languages

## Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs



## Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish

The Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish program is designed to prepare students to become first-rate scholars and teachers, primarily in institutions of higher learning. In addition to two major fields of specialization (Peninsular Spanish Literature and Spanish American Literature), minors are available in Peninsular Spanish Literature, Spanish American Literature, and Hispanic Linguistics. Candidates to the Ph.D. must pass a qualifying examination.

### **Degree Requirements**

The doctoral program consists of 75 semester hours of graduate level work beyond the bachelor's degree, distributed as follows: 57 graduate credits of courses and 18 credits of dissertation. Students will be able to transfer a maximum of 36 graduate credits from an earned graduate degree.

### Core Courses (9 credits)

All core courses must be taken as graduate courses offered by FIU and may not be taken as independent studies:

- FOL 5800 Foreign Language Teaching Methodology (3 credits)
- SPW 5806 Methods of Literary Research (3 credits)
- SPW 6825 Literary Theory and Criticism (3 credits)

### Distribution Requirements (15 credits)

- One course in Medieval or Golden Age Peninsular Spanish Literature (3 credits)
- One course in Peninsular Spanish Literature of the 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> century (3 credits)
- One course in Colonial/19<sup>th</sup> century Spanish American Literature (3 credits)
- One course in 20<sup>th</sup> century Spanish American Literature (3 credits)
- One additional course in Spanish American Literature (3 credits)

### Electives (33 credits)

Students may choose from graduate courses in Hispanic literature, linguistics, culture, and translation/interpretation.

### Dissertation (18 Credits)

A dissertation or thesis is a formal and systematic discourse or treatise advancing an original point of view as a result of research. A dissertation is required of all candidates for the doctoral degree.

### **Application Dates**

Admission for the Ph.D. is **only** for the **Fall semester**. All application materials must be received by the Department of Modern Languages no later than **February 15<sup>th</sup>**. Deadline to apply if seeking assistantship: **December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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](mailto:watsonm@fiu.edu).