Spanish, MA

LASPANMA

Work closely with expert faculty as you explore intersections of literature and culture or linguistics across the Spanish-speaking world, and become a global citizen prepared for countless career options.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MA Spanish
The MA program in Spanish includes tracks in literature and culture and in linguistics. While the former includes Spanish, Spanish American and Mexican American literature and culture, the latter includes sociolinguistics or second language acquisition and applied linguistics.

At a Glance

- College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Location: Tempe campus

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

Spanish, BA

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

Degree Requirements
30 credit hours and a portfolio

**Required Core (3 credit hours)**
SPA 540 History of the Spanish Language (3)

**Culminating Experience**
portfolio

**Additional Curriculum Information**
Students seeking a master's degree in Spanish should consult with the respective graduate representative.

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in Spanish from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. personal statement
4. resume or curriculum vitae
5. writing sample
6. three letters of recommendation
7. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

Applicants should provide an academic writing sample such as an academic term paper, critical paper or research paper approximately 10 to 25 pages, prepared in an upper-division or graduate Spanish course.

Applicants should provide a personal statement that is no more than two pages, summarizing past educational experiences and goals in pursuing a graduate degree.
Application Deadlines

Career Opportunities

Professionals with this degree can confidently move into further academic, business and international fields. Skills developed through this program are valued for teaching positions, including in museums and libraries; translation work; work in a larger sector such as governmental, diplomatic and international business; and for careers in publishing, media, nonprofits and international relations.

Career examples include:

- area, ethnic and cultural studies teachers and professors
- foreign language and literature teachers and professors
- historians
- interpreters and translators
- lawyers
- reporters and correspondents
- social and community service managers

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