MA in Hispanic Studies

Admission Requirements

Applicants are considered on an individual basis. The program will accept and review applications for the fall semester only. Transcripts for all undergraduate and any graduate work must be uploaded along with all other requirements.

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements (for details, please consult the department website).

- **Baccalaureate Field** Spanish or related field.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.50/4.00 for the final 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) of study.
- **Tests Required** Applicants are urged to take the GRE. Results (if taken) are to be included in CV, along with submitting them directly from GRE Testing Institution to Office of Admissions (UIC code is: 1851).
- **Language Proficiency** Applicants must give evidence of proficiency in spoken and written formal standard Spanish.
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
  - TOEFL 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (iBT Test); 60, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Writing 21 (revised Paper-Delivered Test), OR,
  - IELTS 6.5, with subscores of 6.0 for all four subscores, OR,
  - PTE-Academic 54, with subscores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.
- **Sample of Writing in Spanish** Applicants are required to submit one sample of their written work in Spanish in the form of an essay for an academic course.
- **Letters of Recommendation** Three required from professors; at least one should be from a professor in an upper-level or graduate Spanish course.
- **Personal Statement** A statement of 500 words is required in which applicants should address their reasons for applying to the Hispanic Studies MA-only program in the concentration desired, Hispanic Linguistics or Hispanic Literary and Cultural Studies.
- **CV/Resume** Please include GRE scores (if taken) and TOEFL results (main score and 4 subscores).
- **Transcripts** Applicants must upload transcripts for all undergraduate work along with all other requirements.
- **Nondegree Applicants** Nondegree applicants must apply and pay online, as well as upload transcripts from all institutions where a degree or academic credit was earned during the last eight years.
- **Deadlines** Application deadlines for this program are listed on the Graduate College website.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 37.
- **Course Work**

### Required Courses for Both Concentrations

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### Hispanic Literary and Cultural Studies Concentration

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<td>SPAN 407</td>
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Select four of the following:

- **SPAN 411** Topics in Medieval and Early Modern Spanish Literature and Culture
- **SPAN 414** Topics in Cervantes' Don Quijote
- **SPAN 421** Topics in 18th and 19th Century Spanish Literature and Culture
- **SPAN 422** Topics in 20th and 21st Century Spanish Literature and Culture
- **SPAN 430** Topics in Colonial History, Literature and Culture
- **SPAN 431** Topics in Latin American Letters from the Revolutionary Era to Independence
- **SPAN 434** Topics in Latin American Letters from Modernismo to the Early 1970's
- **SPAN 435** Topics in Contemporary Urban Latin American and Latino Culture, Literature and the Arts

Three additional courses at 500-level in consultation with the graduate advisor. Electives may be taken in other UIC programs and departments as long as they relate to the student’s concentration.

### Hispánico Linguistics Concentration

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SPAN 509  Spanish Phonology
SPAN 511  Spanish Syntax
SPAN 556  Second Language Learning

One additional course at 500-level

One additional elective at 400- or 500-level in consultation with the graduate advisor. Electives may be taken in other UIC programs and departments as long as they relate to the student's concentration.

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- **Comprehensive Examination Required.**
- **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options** Thesis or course work only. No other options available.
  - **Thesis:** Permission of the department's graduate committee is required.

**Interdepartmental Concentrations**

Students earning a graduate degree in this department may complement their courses by enrolling in select concentrations after consulting with their graduate advisor. Interdepartmental concentrations available for this degree include:

- **Gender and Women's Studies**
- **Latin American and Latino Studies**
- **Violence Studies**