Graduate Programs: MA and PhD

Our graduate programs in Spanish offer you the opportunity of critically engaging with Hispanic literatures, cultures and linguistics.

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Modern Languages and Literatures Graduate Programs

Graduate students in our three programs thrive in a dynamic environment that combines the advantages of a large, multilingual department in a comprehensive research university with the relative autonomy of three distinct language sections. We offer the MA in Spanish, French and German, and the PhD in Spanish and French.

Spanish Program

Our program covers the range of Hispanic cultural expression from medieval and early modern Spain and colonial Latin America to modern and contemporary Spain and 20th-21st century Latin America. In addition, the program includes diverse linguistic areas such as linguistic analysis, sociolinguistics and applied linguistics.

With seminars on topics such as Hispanic film and popular culture, Caribbean literature, masculinities, exile and migration, U.S. Spanish, and language pedagogy, our Spanish faculty gears toward collaborative, international and interdisciplinary scholarship. Students can pursue graduate minors in fields such as digital humanities, women’s and gender studies, teaching and ethnic studies.

Our Faculty

Our nationally and internationally recognized faculty specialize in contemporary Spanish studies, Latin American fiction writing, applied linguistics and more!

- Prof. Oscar Pereira: Medieval Spain, contemporary Spanish cultural studies
- Prof. Iker González-Allende: contemporary Spain, Spanish exile, gender and masculinities
- Prof. Ingrid Robyn: Caribbean literatures, Latin American avant-garde, visual arts and music
- Prof. Rigoberto Guevara: Rubén Darío, Latin American Modernism
- Prof. Luis Othoniel Rosa: Latin American anarchism and feminism, creative writing
- Prof. José Eduardo González: modern and recent Latin American fiction, digital humanities
- Prof. Errapel Mejías-Vicandi: syntax, semantics and pragmatics
- Prof. Isabel Velázquez: sociolinguistics and Spanish in the United States
- Prof. Liz Enkin: applied linguistics and language pedagogy

On-Campus Opportunities

There are many opportunities in our department, including teaching, online teaching, coordinating basic language courses, managing a tutoring center, collaborating in research projects with a professor, presenting papers at conferences and leading study abroad programs.

Current Students and Recent Graduates

Meet students from around the world. Current and recent Spanish graduate students hail from Spain, Colombia, Chile, Brazil, Mexico and the United States.

You will also get to know students in the French and German graduate programs from France and Germany.

Financial Aid

Graduate Teaching Assistantships with tuition waiver are available for students to pursue their MA (two years) or PhD (four years) while gaining teaching experience. Additional fellowships are offered to provide supplementary funds. We also offer economic support for students presenting their research at conferences. Teaching Assistantships allow a student to cover most, if not all, of their education expenses, plus a stipend.

I met with my advisor each week to conduct research together and collaborated on classroom questions and activities. So much of who I am as a teacher is a reflection of his methodologies, mentoring, and influence.

— Heather Jerónimo, Assistant Professor at the University of Northern Iowa

During the graduate program, I learned about multiple theories, digital methods and tools for the study of literature and history. This prepared me well for my current position.

— Jennifer Isasi, Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of Texas at Austin