# Graduate Curriculum Approval Form

## Changes to Degree Programs

**Degree (i.e. M.A., Ph.D., etc.):** MA  
**Name of Program (i.e. Biology):** Spanish  
**Program CIP or X code:** 16.0905  
**Name of Concentration (i.e. Botany):** na  
**Proposed Effective Term (i.e. Spring 2006):** Fall 2008  

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**College:** A&S  
**Dept and Mail Code:** WLE CPR 107

## Changes to a Degree Program

1. Follow the guidelines outlined by the Graduate Council at: [http://www.grad.usf.edu/coursepro.asp](http://www.grad.usf.edu/coursepro.asp). For Graduate Council Review submit:
   - □ the Graduate Curriculum Approval form (this form)
   - □ in three distinct sections, a summary of the following:
     - i. list/describe what the old requirements were,
     - ii. list/describe what the new requirements will be
     - iii. why the changes are necessary
   - □ The Catalog Copy showing the changes that will be needed if the proposal is approved

2. Submit the signed original and 1 electronic copy of the complete packet to the Graduate School by the deadline posted online [http://www.grad.usf.edu/coursepro.asp](http://www.grad.usf.edu/coursepro.asp). For questions, contact Carol Hines-Cobb at chinescobb@grad.usf.edu or 813-974-4239.

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*Concurrence - Consultation with units and departments providing related offerings or expertise is expected and encouraged.

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SPANISH PROGRAM

OLD REQUIREMENTS

Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree

DEGREE INFORMATION

Program Admission Deadlines:
- Fall: March 15
- Spring: October 15
- Summer: March 1

Minimum Total Hours: 33-36
Program Level: Masters
CIP Code: 16.0905
Dept Code: WLE
Program (Major/College): SPA AS

CONTACT INFORMATION

College: Arts and Sciences
Department: World Languages
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Contact Information: www.grad.usf.edu
Other Resources: www.usf4you

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Contact Program for information.

Accreditation:
Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

ADMISSION INFORMATION

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements listed below.

Program Admission Requirements
Must have:
1. undergraduate 3.0 GPA
2. 3-3 letters of recommendation
3. a writing sample in Spanish, and
4. an oral interview in Spanish (can be done by phone)

DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1) Proficiency in a second foreign language.
2) Satisfactory completion of a written comprehensive examination on Spanish language, literature, and civilization. This exam is based on a reading list.
3) FOW 6805 Bibliography
4) Course work following one of the plans listed below:
   a) Plan A: 36 hours of graduate courses in Spanish. No thesis.

b) Plan B: 36 hours, of which 27-30 graduate hours must be in one language area and 6-9 in another area/department, as approved by the Spanish Graduate Program Director. No thesis.
c) Plan C: 27 semester hours in one language area plus a thesis, with 6 hours of SPW 6971
d) Plan D: 27 semester hours, with 18-21 hours of graduate-level course work in one language area and 6-9 in another area/department, as approved by the Spanish Graduate Program Director. In addition: a thesis, with 6 hours of SPW 6971.

OTHER INFORMATION

Three Summer M.A. program: Students may also receive the M.A. in Spanish by enrolling in courses at the Tampa campus during the summer. Generally the degree is received after three summers of study. Contact the Graduate Program Director for details.

Special Summer Programs Overseas
The Division of Languages and Linguistics, in cooperation with the International Affairs Center, offers several summer study programs overseas. These include study in Spain, and Costa Rica. For complete details, contact the program advisors or the International Affairs Center.

COURSES
See http://www.ups.usf.edu/abs/abs.cfm
SPANISH PROGRAM
Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree

DEGREE INFORMATION

Program Admission Deadlines:
Fall: April 4
Spring: November 4
Summer: March 4

Minimum Total Hours: 33-36
Program Level: Masters
CIP Code: 16.0905
Dept Code: WLE
Program (Major/College): SPA AS

CONTACT INFORMATION

College: Arts and Sciences
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PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Hispanic/Latino section of the Department of World Languages supports a broad, intellectually driven approach to teaching language, culture and literature in higher education. Languages and cultures are complex, multifunctional phenomena that link an individual to other individuals, to communities, and to national cultures. The graduate program in Spanish offers students academic and practical training in the languages, literatures and cultures of the Spanish-speaking communities of Spain, Latin America, and the United States. Students who receive a Masters of Arts in Spanish from the Department of World Language Education at USF become well-educated communicators with deep translingual and transcultural competence. Thus, they are exceptionally prepared to either continue studies leading to the Ph.D., or find careers in related fields such as the teaching profession, translation, government and civic service and agencies, legal and paralegal services, or foreign and domestic business enterprises.

Accreditation:
Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of College and Schools.

ADMISSION INFORMATION

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements listed below.

Program Admission Requirements
Must have:
1. undergraduate 3.0 GPA
2. 2-3 letters of recommendation,
3. a two-page statement of purpose in Spanish.
4. an oral interview in Spanish (can be done by phone)
5. If degree is from abroad student must pass TOEFL. A score of 213 for computer based
test, or 79 for internet based test, or 550 for paper based test.
6. approval from program director in case of degree from another discipline.

DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Course work following one of the plans listed below:

- Option A) Languages and Cultures Option

-FOW 6085, Bibliography

-Students must have taken, or plan to take, an Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics course, or equivalent, prior to or during their MA studies in Spanish. This requirement must be fulfilled before taking the MA comprehensive exam.

-36 semester hours of SPN/SPW 5000-6000 level courses (or 27-30 semester hours in Spanish and 6-9 semester hours in another related area, as approved by Graduate Director). Two 4000 level courses (BA) can count towards the degree, provided the student is enrolled in the MA program or had a prior arrangement with the Graduate Director.

-Successful completion of a Comprehensive Examination at the end of coursework (typically, in the second semester of the second year). This exam is based on the MA reading list.

-Option B) Literatures and Cultures

-FOW 6085, Bibliography

-Students must have taken, or plan to take, an Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics course, or equivalent, prior to or during their MA studies in Spanish. This requirement must be fulfilled before taking the MA comprehensive exam.
—Proficiency in a second foreign language: The second foreign language requirement can be satisfied by having completed the second semester of a language other than Spanish within the last 2 years, or by taking a placement test and placing into level III of that language, or by taking the second semester of another language other than Spanish while pursuing the Spanish Masters. In special cases, a translation and brief oral interview can be arranged in place of these requirements.

—36 semester hours of SPN/SPW 5000-6000 level courses (or 27-30 semester hours in Spanish and 6-9 semester hours in another related area, as approved by Graduate Director). Two 4000 level courses (BA) can count towards the degree, provided the student is enrolled in the MA program or had a prior arrangement with the Graduate Director.

—Students are strongly encouraged to undertake MA thesis work. If a student selects this option, he/she must complete 27 semester hours of SPN/SPW 5000-6000 level courses (or 21-24 semester hours in Spanish and 6-9 semester hours in another related area, as approved by Graduate Director). Two 4000 level courses (BA) can count towards the degree, provided the student is enrolled in the MA program, or had a prior arrangement with the Graduate Director. In addition, 6 semester hours (SPW 6971), towards completion of MA thesis, must be completed.

—Successful completion of a Comprehensive Examination at the end of coursework (typically, in the second semester of the second year). This exam is based on the MA reading list.

OTHER INFORMATION

Summer M.A. program: Students may also receive the M.A. in Spanish by enrolling in courses at the Tampa campus during the summer. Generally the degree is received after requirements are met during consecutive summers of study. Contact the Graduate Program Director for details and course availability.

Special Summer Programs Overseas
The World Language Department, in cooperation with the International Affairs Center, offers several summer study programs overseas for graduate credit. These include study in Spain, Argentina, and Costa Rica. For complete details, contact the program directors or the International Affairs Center.

To obtain a copy of the Masters of Arts in Spanish handbook please visit the World Language Department in CPR 419.

COURSES
See http://www.ugs.usf.edu/sab/subs.cfm
To Graduate Studies

The proposed changes to the Spanish MA are meant to provide students with a better alternative as to their Masters orientation by allowing them to select either an emphasis on Hispanic languages and cultures, or an emphasis on Literatures and Cultures. This change will allow the department to attract more students, who are not planning to teach literature in higher education, but who need Spanish language and Hispanic cultural knowledge to round-out their career goals while still catering to those students willing to pursue doctoral studies in the field. The mission of the department of World Languages at the University of South Florida is to increase the international and diverse cultural and aesthetic awareness, and to provide opportunities for the enhancement of practical communication across linguistic and cultural boundaries. The requirements reflect these goals while providing additional options for career paths in business, advertising, marketing, broadcasting, journalism, as well as teaching and research. Spanish is the second most spoken language in the United States and the fourth in the world, therefore developing both a linguistic and cultural competence in Spanish is a sound investment for the department and USF as a whole.

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