**Spanish program**

**Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree**

**DEGREE INFORMATION**

**Program Admission Deadlines:**

**Fall:** February 15

**Spring:** October 15

**Summer:**  February 15

**Minimum Total Hours:** 36

**Program Level:** Masters

**CIP Code:** 16.0905

**Dept. Code:** WLE

**Program (Major/College):** SPA AS

**Approved:** 1967

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**College:** Arts and Sciences

**Department:** World Languages

**Contact Information:** [www.grad.usf.edu](http://www.grad.usf.edu/)

**Other Resources:** www.cas.usf.edu/languages/

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

The Spanish 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, civil service agencies, legal and paralegal services, or foreign and domestic business enterprises.

**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**

Students must have, submit, and complete the following:

* An undergraduate 3.00 GPA
* 2-3 letters of recommendation
* A two-page statement of purpose in Spanish
* An oral interview in Spanish (can be done by phone, video, Skype, etc.)
* If degree is from abroad student must pass TOEFL with a score of at least 213 (computer-based test), 79 (internet-based test), or 550 (paper-based test).
* Approval from the Graduate Program Director in case of degree from another discipline

**DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Total Minimum Hours 36

**Core Requirements – 3 hours**

SPW 6806 Introduction to Hispanic Graduate Studies 3

Courses - 33 hours

Select courses from

SPW 5135 Colonial Spanish American Literature 3

SPW 5339 Golden Age Drama 3

SPW 5375 Latin American Short Story 3

SPW 5387 Spanish American Prose 3

SPW 5405 Medieval Literature 3

SPW 5465 19th Century Literature 3

SPN 5525 Modern Spanish American Civilization 3

SPW 5597 Latin American Culture in Fantastic Literature & Film 3

SPW 5605 Cervantes 3

SPW 5725 Generation of 1898 3

SPW 5934 Selected Topics 3

SPW 6427 Golden Age Novel 3

SPW 6485 Post Civil War Literature 3

SPN 6845 History of the Spanish Language 3

SPN 6846 Spanish Paleography & Textual Criticism 3

SPW 6775 Caribbean Literature 3

SPW 6910 Directed Research 1-19

Students may substitute up to 6 semester hours with courses in another related area, as approved in advance by the Graduate Program Director.

**Thesis (6 hours)**

SPW 6971

Students who choose to undertake MA thesis work will complete 6 semester hours of SPW 6971 Thesis: Masters under the direction of a faculty member. These 6 credits count towards the 33 credits of coursework listed above and are taken in lieu of two of the courses in the list.

**Comprehensive Exam**

Successful completion of a comprehensive exam (typically taken in the second semester of the second year).

**OTHER INFORMATION**

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

**COURSES**

See <http://www.ugs.usf.edu/course-inventory/>