

# MASTER OF ARTS

## SPANISH

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The Master of Arts degree in Spanish is designed to provide students with advanced studies in Spanish language, literature, and culture.

The student who graduates with a Master of Arts degree in Spanish should be prepared for a career in education, an occupation in the private sector, or further study in graduate school. Each graduate of the Spanish M.A. program at Arkansas Tech University should be able to accomplish the following:

- 1.) Demonstrate ability to conduct original research.
- 2.) Demonstrate competence in oral and written Spanish.
- 3.) Demonstrate ability to read, analyze, and interpret works of literature and culture.
- 4.) Demonstrate a solid foundation in Peninsular and Spanish-American literature.

Students are eligible to apply for unconditional admission to the Master of Arts degree program in Spanish if they meet the following requirements:

### **Unconditional Admission**

1. Applicants must meet the admission requirements for Graduate College.
2. Applicants must have completed a minimum of 36 hours in Spanish at the undergraduate level.
3. Applicants must be proficient in Spanish, as evidenced by a program entrance exam.
4. Applicants must have a 3.00 grade point average on a 4.00 scale in Spanish.

### **Conditional Admission**

Applicants who fail to meet all of the departmental requirements may be accepted conditionally provided the deficiencies are completed prior to the completion of twelve semester hours of graduate work.

Applicants who fail to meet the grade point requirement specified for unconditional admission may be admitted conditionally to enroll for a maximum of twelve semester hours. If a student was admitted conditionally based on grade point average, the condition will be met if upon completion of twelve semester hours a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or better is achieved.

### **Academic Advisors**

The director of the program will assign a faculty advisor to each student admitted to the degree program. The advisor will assist the student in the design of a curriculum of study that leads to the fulfillment of degree requirements. Subsequently, the academic advisor, the Department Graduate Committee, and the Graduate College monitor the student's progress as they progress through the program. It remains, however, the student's responsibility to understand and to satisfy all degree requirements.

### **Admission to Candidacy**

Students who have been granted conditional admission are eligible for admission to candidacy for the degree upon the completion of twelve hours with a 3.00 grade point average or better and completion of all deficiencies. Students who have been granted unconditional admission are eligible for admission to candidacy upon

completion of twelve hours with a 3.00 grade point average or better. Students who do not submit an "Application for Admission to Candidacy" prior to the end of the semester in which the student becomes eligible will not be allowed to register for subsequent graduate classes.

## Degree Requirements

### **Option I: Thesis Option**

The student seeking the Master of Arts degree in Spanish under the Thesis Option must complete the following:

1. A minimum of 30 hours in Spanish at the graduate level (5000-6000) with no more than 6 hours of 5000-level courses considered toward the completion of the degree.
2. The satisfactory completion of the following 18 hours:
  - SPAN 6003 Introduction to the MA in Spanish
  - SPAN 6023 Literary Theory
  - SPAN 6063 Spanish American Literature and Culture
  - SPAN 6163 Spanish Literature and Culture
  - SPAN 6403 Advanced Spanish Grammar
  - SPAN 6503 History of the Spanish Language
3. The satisfactory completion of the following 12 hours:
  - 6000-level SPAN seminar on Spanish topic
  - 6000-level SPAN seminar on Spanish-American topic
  - SPAN 6993 Thesis
  - SPAN 6993 Thesis
4. The satisfactory completion of a thesis & comprehensive exams.
5. The completion of all degree requirements within six years of admission to the degree program.

### **Option II: Non-thesis Option**

The student seeking the Master of Arts degree in Spanish under the Non-Thesis Option must complete the following:

1. A minimum of 30 hours in Spanish at the graduate level (5000-6000) with no more than 9 hours of 5000-level courses considered toward the completion of the degree.
2. The satisfactory completion of the following 18 hours:
  - SPAN 6003 Introduction to the M.A. in Spanish
  - SPAN 6023 Literary Theory
  - SPAN 6063 Spanish American Literature and Culture
  - SPAN 6163 Spanish Literature and Culture
  - SPAN 6403 Advanced Spanish Grammar
  - SPAN 6503 History of the Spanish Language
3. The satisfactory completion of the following 12 hours:

6000-level SPAN seminar on Spanish topic  
6000-level SPAN seminar on Spanish-American topic  
SPAN Elective (5000-6000 level)  
SPAN Elective (5000-6000 level)

4. The satisfactory completion of a comprehensive exam.
- 5.) The completion of all degree requirements within six years of admission to the degree program.

**Special Conditions of  
Graduate Credit  
Graduate Credit Taken  
Prior to Admission to  
Arkansas Tech University**

A maximum of **six** semester hours of graduate credit with a grade point average of "B" or better may be transferred from an accredited graduate school if deemed appropriate to the graduate program by the head of the student's major department and the Dean of Graduate College. Students must send a written request to the head of their major department to petition an acceptance of the transfer credit prior to requesting admission to candidacy to the graduate program. Graduate credit earned six years prior to the completion date of all degree requirements may not be applied toward the degree without the approval of the appropriate program director and the Dean of Graduate College. Credits earned by correspondence courses or for remedial purposes will not apply toward the graduate degree. No undergraduate course may be repeated for graduate credit.

**Graduate Credit Taken  
After Admission to  
Arkansas Tech University**

If after admission to graduate study, a student wishes to take a course at another institution to count toward degree requirements at Arkansas Tech University, the student must, in advance of enrollment, obtain written approval from the program director and the Dean of Graduate College.