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For information on admissions, graduate assistantship
application and GRE requirements,
visit the UCA graduate school website:
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COURSE OFFERINGS FOR 2013-2014

Summer II 2013

SPAN 6395 The Imagined Moor in Early Modern Spain

Fall 2013

SPAN 5315 Peninsular Masterpieces

SPAN 6396 The Outlaw in Latin America

SPAN 6395 Literatura femenina de España

WLAN 5315 Methods of Teaching Second Languages

WLAN 5325 Second Language Acquisition

Spring 2014

SPAN 5350 Introduction to Spanish Linguistics

SPAN 5340 History of the Spanish Language

SPAN 6330 Gabriel García Márquez

SPAN 6396 Comida, cultura e identidad mexicana

WLAN 5340 Second Language Assessment

Summer 2014

SPAN 6397 Spanish Dialectology

Study Abroad in Costa Rica or Spain (via MLSA)



Master of Arts in Spanish

The M. A. in Spanish at the University of Central Arkansas

is a graduate program that provides a unique opportunity to improve your proficiency in Spanish language and Hispanic cultures. Designed for students with an undergraduate degree in Spanish, the M.A. program offers courses that will broaden your expertise in Spanish language, linguistics, and literature while also bringing you up to date with Latino, Latin American, and Spanish cultural studies. Whether you use Spanish in the workplace or the classroom, this graduate program will challenge you to achieve greater cultural and linguistic fluency.



Program Objectives

The Master of Arts degree in Spanish is designed to provide professionals with the opportunity to study Spanish language and Hispanic cultures and literatures at an advanced level. Graduates will acquire cross-cultural competencies that will serve them in a variety of career options, including education, business, and public service. All graduates will attain advanced-high level proficiency in the four skills assessed according to the standards set by the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).

General Program Information

To enter the program, you must have completed an undergraduate degree with a major in Spanish, its equivalent, or you may complete supplementary undergraduate coursework at UCA as designated by the Graduate Coordinator and Department Chair.

Part-time and full-time students are welcome. Classes are offered in the late afternoons and evenings, as well as in the summer. Study abroad opportunities are also available in the summer months.

In-service teachers may use graduate coursework towards their Professional Development requirement.

Certified teachers may take advantage of the course offerings to add an ESL or P-8 endorsement.

Graduate assistantships

and opportunities to teach in our undergraduate program are available.

Applications for assistantships are evaluated starting

May 1

*See the M.A. website
for details and application.*

<http://uca.edu/wlan/maspanish/>

Program Requirements

The M. A. in Spanish program requires 30 hours of graduate coursework, divided as follows:

9 hours of “Core” Courses: SPAN 5315 (Spanish Literature and Culture), SPAN 5345 (Span. American Literature and Culture), and SPAN 5340 (History of the Spanish Language). These three courses form the basis for the study of contemporary issues in Hispanic Studies and for the Comprehensive Exams.

21 hours of electives, with at least 15 hours at the 6000-level. These may include study abroad, independent studies, or a master’s thesis, as well as elective courses. Recent and future topics include:

- Afro-Caribbean Cultural Studies
- U.S. Latino Cultural Studies
- Violence in the Spanish-American Novel
- The Outlaw in Latin America
- Introduction to Spanish Linguistics
- Latin American Short Story
- Dialectology
- Spanish Civil War in Film, Art, and Literature
- Chicano Studies
- Pirate Literature
- Knights and Rogues
- Contemporary Spanish Film, Latin American Film
- Cervantes: *Don Quijote*

3 hours of other graduate courses may apply towards the degree. Depending on the student’s interests, these may include courses for the ESL endorsement, such as WLAN 5330 WLAN 5315, and WLAN 5325, as well as graduate courses in English and History.

To earn the M.A., degree candidates must also pass a comprehensive examination (with oral and written components), and meet the language proficiency objectives of the program.