



COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS

MASTER OF ARTS IN SPANISH

WHY A MASTER OF ARTS IN SPANISH?

The MA in Spanish at the University of Central Arkansas provides a unique opportunity to improve your proficiency in the Spanish language and Hispanic cultures. Designed for students with an undergraduate degree in Spanish, the MA program offers courses that will broaden your expertise in the 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.



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ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

Applicants must apply for admission to both the Graduate School and the Master of Arts in Spanish. In addition to taking the GRE test, admission to the Master's of Arts in Spanish requires the following:

UNCONDITIONAL ADMITTANCE

Have completed an undergraduate degree with a major in Spanish, or its equivalent.

Have earned a minimum 3.00 GPA in an undergraduate major in Spanish.

Submit satisfactory scores on the General Test of the GRE.

Submit a writing sample demonstrating advanced-level proficiency.

CONDITIONAL ADMITTANCE

Conditional admittance may be granted in the case of equivalent prior experience and advanced proficiency, which may be achieved by completing additional undergraduate coursework in Spanish at UCA. Please consult the graduate advisor.

Students who are granted conditional admission are eligible to take a limited course load of 3 or 6 hours, determined by the graduate coordinator and faculty upon admission.



OUTSTANDING FACULTY

Part-time and full-time students are welcome. Classes are offered in the late afternoon and evening, as well as in the summer. 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.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Master of Arts degree in Spanish is designed to provide professionals with the opportunity to study the Spanish language and Peninsular 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).

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The MA in Spanish program requires 30 hours of graduate coursework, divided as follows:

REQUIRED COURSES (9 HOURS)

SPAN 5315 Spanish Literature and Culture

SPAN 5345 Latin American Literature and Culture

SPAN 5340 History of the Spanish Language

These three core courses form the basis for the study of contemporary issues in Hispanic Studies and for the Comprehensive Exams.

ELECTIVES: (21 HOURS)

With at least 15 hours at the 6000-level. Recent and future topics include:

Cervantes: Don Quijote

Afro-Caribbean Cultural Studies

Chicano Studies

Latin American Short Story

Spanish Civil War in Film, Art, and Literature

Contemporary Spanish Film, Latin American Film

Knights and Rogues

Introduction to Spanish Linguistics

Dialectology

OTHER GRADUATE COURSES: (3 HOURS)

3 hours of other graduate courses may apply towards the degree, including courses for the ESL endorsement (WLAN 5330, 5315, 5325) as well as graduate courses in English and History.