



Twin Cities Campus

Hispanic and Lusophone Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics Ph.D.

Spanish & Portuguese Studies

College of Liberal Arts

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

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- Program Type: Doctorate
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2021
- Length of program in credits: 79 to 82
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The Hispanic and Lusophone Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics PhD program provides students with a focused and rigorous formation in the literatures, languages, and cultures of Spain, Latin America, and the Portuguese speaking world. Students choose one of three areas of emphasis: Hispanic Literatures & Cultures, Lusophone Literatures & Cultures, or Hispanic Linguistics. In addition to establishing a specialization in one or more areas of Hispanic or Lusophone studies, the program allows and encourages students to pursue comparative or interdisciplinary work. Students complement their work in the department with coursework in other disciplines such as: Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies; Medieval Studies; Linguistics; Curriculum and Instruction; History; Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature; African-American and African Studies; Human Rights Program; Geography; Sociology; and Moving Image Studies.

The department's faculty is committed to preparing students and giving them the tools to become scholars and teachers of the highest quality. The department has a strong tradition of fostering socio-historical perspectives on literatures, languages, and cultures. The graduate Literature & Cultures faculty is committed to comparative and interdisciplinary research and engages a variety of contemporary theoretical approaches, with strengths in postcolonial theory, social justice and human rights, memory studies, critical race theory, diasporic studies, and gender and sexuality studies. Members of the Hispanic Linguistics faculty are specialists in the fields of sociolinguistics, second language acquisition, syntax, pragmatics, and phonology.

The department offers students in the program faculty mentoring, a seminar, and workshops on professional development, including publishing, teaching, and interviewing. In addition, graduate student workshops in both literatures and cultures and in linguistics foster student-faculty relations and allow graduate students to ready themselves for conference participation. Travel funds are available through the department to allow students to present their papers at conferences in the United States or abroad.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.00.

Applicants must first apply to, or hold, a master of arts degree (or its equivalent) before applying to the PhD program. A graduate GPA of 3.50 is preferred.

Other requirements to be completed before admission:

Prospective students generally have completed an undergraduate degree or substantial coursework in the fields of Hispanic literatures and cultures, Lusophone literatures and cultures, or Hispanic linguistics, although individuals with other backgrounds may be admitted.

The Graduate Studies Committee may require students admitted without sufficient preparation to take additional coursework beyond the PhD credit requirements.

Special Application Requirements:

Students admitted to the program are required to be fluent in Spanish or Portuguese.

The application deadline is December 15 for the following fall semester. Application materials include:



University of Minnesota Application & Fee
Department Application
Transcripts
TOEFL Test Scores
Personal Statement
Diversity Statement (if applicant wishes to be considered for DOVE fellowship)
Resume/CV
Writing Sample
Letters of Recommendation x3
Five Minute Voice Sample (in Spanish or Portuguese for non-native speakers, in English for native Spanish or Portuguese speakers)

For more information, refer to "How to Apply" at <https://cla.umn.edu/spanish-portuguese/graduate/how-apply-0>.

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
 - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
 - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
 - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
 - Paper Based - Total Score: 550
- IELTS
 - Total Score: 6.5
- MELAB
 - Final score: 80

Key to [test abbreviations](#)(TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

43 to 46 credits are required in the major.
12 credits are required outside the major.
24 thesis credits are required.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

Language Requirement: Fluency in Spanish and/or Portuguese

A minimum GPA of 3.50 is required for students to remain in good standing.

Students entering the program with an MA from other institutions must take a minimum of 7 graduate courses (21 credits) in this department.

Students are expected to enroll for at least 9 credits each semester from the term of matriculation through degree completion.

A limited number of courses can be repeated to meet degree requirements. Pre-approval by the advisor and director of graduate studies is required.

Required Coursework (7 credits)

Take the following courses:

- [SPPT 5999](#) - The Teaching of College-Level Spanish: Theory and Practice (3.0 cr)
- [SPPT 5995](#) - Directed Teaching (1.0 cr)
- [SPPT 8920](#) - Introduction to Hispanic and Lusophone Literatures, Cultures, and Languages (2.0 cr)
- [SPPT 8930](#) - Dissertation & Professionalization Workshop (1.0 cr)

Outside Coursework (12 credits)

Take 12 credits, selected in consultation with the advisor, from outside the major.

- [ADDS 5081](#) - Multicultural Foundations of Behavioral Health (3.0 cr)
- [AFRO 5101](#) - Seminar: Introduction to Africa and the African Diaspora (3.0 cr)
- [AFRO 5910](#) - Topics in African American and African Studies (3.0 cr)



AFRO 5993 - Directed Study (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
AFRO 8202 - Seminar: Intellectual History of Race (3.0 cr)
AFRO 8910 - Topics in Studies of Africa and the African Diaspora (3.0 cr)
AMES 5920 - Topics in Asian Culture (3.0 cr)
AMES 8001 - Critical Approaches to Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (3.0 cr)
ANTH 5041 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
ANTH 8005 - Linguistic Anthropology (3.0 cr)
ARAB 5040 - Readings in Arabic Texts (2.0 - 4.0 cr)
ARAB 5993 - Directed Studies (1.0 - 5.0 cr)
CHIC 5920 - Topics in Chicana(o) Studies (3.0 cr)
CI 5608 - CARLA Summer Institute Seminar (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
CI 5628 - Analyzing Learner Language in Second Language Acquisition (3.0 cr)
CI 5656 - Teaching Literacy in Second Language Classrooms (3.0 cr)
CI 5670 - Foundations of Dual Language and Immersion Education (3.0 cr)
CI 8416 - Speculative Fiction, Radical Imagination, and Social Change (3.0 cr)
CI 8671 - Sociolinguistic Research Approaches to Education (3.0 cr)
CI 8689 - Language and Education Policy (3.0 cr)
CI 8695 - Problems: Second Languages and Cultures Education (1.0 - 6.0 cr)
CNRC 5071 - Greek and Hellenistic Religions (3.0 cr)
CNRC 8513 - Scripture and Interpretation (3.0 cr)
COMM 5211 - Critical Media Studies: Theory and Methods (3.0 cr)
CSCL 5833 - Marx, Freud, Nietzsche: Intellectual Foundations (3.0 cr)
DSSC 8111 - Approaches to Knowledge and Truth: Ways of Knowing in Development Studies and Social Change (3.0 cr)
DSSC 8112 - Scholarship and Public Responsibility (1.0 cr)
DSSC 8211 - Doctoral Research Workshop in Development Studies and Social Change (3.0 cr)
DSSC 8310 - Topics in Development Studies and Social Change (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
EMS 8100 - Workshop in Early Modern Studies (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
EMS 8250 - Seminar in Early Modern Studies (3.0 cr)
ENGL 5140 - Readings in 18th Century Literature and Culture (3.0 cr)
ENGL 5510 - Readings in Criticism and Theory (3.0 cr)
ENGL 5805 - Writing for Publication (3.0 cr)
ENGL 8090 - Seminar in Special Subjects (3.0 cr)
ENGL 8170 - Seminar in 19th-Century British Literature and Culture (3.0 cr)
EPSY 5261 - Introductory Statistical Methods (3.0 cr)
EPSY 5262 - Intermediate Statistical Methods (3.0 cr)
FREN 5350 - Topics in Literature and Culture (3.0 cr)
FREN 5470 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
FREN 8110 - Topics in Early Medieval French Literature (3.0 cr)
FREN 8190 - Old French Workshop (1.0 cr)
FREN 8230 - Critical Issues: Criticism and Thought (3.0 cr)
FREN 8240 - Critical Issues: French and Francophone Cinema (3.0 cr)
FREN 8420 - Critical Issues: Francophone Literature (3.0 cr)
FREN 8992 - Directed Readings for Graduate Students (1.0 - 5.0 cr)
GEOG 8230 - Theoretical Geography (3.0 cr)
GIS 5573 - Introduction to Digital Mapping: ArcGIS Basics (2.0 cr)
GLOS 5993 - Directed Studies (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
GRAD 5102 - Preparation for University Teaching for Nonnative English Speakers (2.0 cr)
GRAD 5105 - Practicum in University Teaching for Nonnative English Speakers (2.0 cr)
GRAD 8101 - Teaching in Higher Education (3.0 cr)
GRAD 8200 - Teaching and Learning Topics in Higher Education (1.0 cr)
GWSS 5104 - Transnational Feminist Theory (3.0 cr)
GWSS 5190 - Topics: Theory, Knowledge, and Power (3.0 cr)
GWSS 8109 - Feminist Knowledge Production (3.0 cr)
GWSS 8220 - Seminar: Science, Technology & Environmental Justice (3.0 cr)
GWSS 8230 - Seminar: Cultural Criticism and Media Studies (3.0 cr)
GWSS 8490 - Seminar: Transnational, Postcolonial, Diaspora (3.0 cr)
GWSS 8993 - Directed Study (1.0 - 6.0 cr)
HIST 5540 *{Inactive}*(1.0 - 4.0 cr)
HIST 5900 - Topics in European/Medieval History (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
HIST 5901 - Latin America Proseminar: Colonial (3.0 cr)
HIST 5910 - Topics in U.S. History (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
HIST 5932 - The Production of Knowledge, Negotiating the Past, and the Writing of African Histories (3.0 cr)
HIST 5993 - Directed Study (1.0 - 16.0 cr)
HIST 8025 - Politics of Historical Memory (3.0 cr)
HIST 8900 - Topics in European/Medieval History (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
HIST 8960 - Topics in History (1.0 - 4.0 cr)



HIST 8993 - Directed Study (1.0 - 16.0 cr)
 ITAL 5289 - The Narrow Door: Women Writers and Feminist Practices in Italian Literature and Culture (4.0 cr)
 ITAL 5502 - Making of Modern Italy: From the Enlightenment to the Present (3.0 cr)
 ITAL 5970 - Directed Readings (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
 LAT 5003 - Intermediate Latin Prose for Graduate Student Research (4.0 cr)
 LAT 5004 - Intermediate Latin Poetry for Graduate Research (4.0 cr)
 LING 5201 - Syntactic Theory I (3.0 cr)
 LING 5202 - Syntactic Theory II (3.0 cr)
 LING 5302 - Phonological Theory I (3.0 cr)
 LING 5303 - Phonological Theory II (3.0 cr)
 LING 5461 - Conversation Analysis (3.0 cr)
 LING 5601 - Historical Linguistics (3.0 cr)
 LING 5900 - Topics in Linguistics (3.0 cr)
 MIMS 5910 - Topics in Moving Image Studies (2.0 - 4.0 cr)
 MIMS 8001 - Theories of the Moving Image (3.0 cr)
 MIMS 8003 - Historiography of the Moving Image (3.0 cr)
 OLPD 5056 - Case Studies for Policy Research (3.0 cr)
 PHIL 8510 - Seminar: Aesthetics Studies (3.0 cr)
 POL 8660 - Topics in Comparative Politics -- Comparative Political Economy of Development (3.0 cr)
 PUBH 7402 - Biostatistics Modeling and Methods (4.0 cr)
 SCMC 5002 - Advanced Film Analysis (4.0 cr)
 SOC 8190 - Topics in Law, Crime, and Deviance (3.0 cr)

Thesis Credits

Take 24 doctoral thesis credits.

SPAN 8888 - Thesis Credit: Doctoral (1.0 - 24.0 cr)

Emphasis Options

Hispanic Literatures & Cultures (36 credits)

Spanish Peninsular Literature Electives (12 credits)

Select 12 credits from the following in consultation with the advisor:

SPAN 5110 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5150 - Contemporary Spanish Literature (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5160 - Medieval Iberian Literatures and Cultures (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5170 - The Literature of the Spanish Empire and Its Decline (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5180 - Don Quixote (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5190 - The Crisis of the Old Regime: Spanish Literature of the Enlightenment and Romanticism (3.0 cr)

Spanish American Literature (12 credits)

Select 12 credits from the following in consultation with the advisor:

SPAN 5550 - Caribbean Literature: An Integral Approach (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5560 - Global Colonial Studies in the Hispanic World (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5570 - Nineteenth Century Latin America: Enlightened Thought, Nation Building, Literacy, Cultural Discourse (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5580 - Latin American Cultural Integration in the Neocolonial Order (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5590 - The Impact of Globalization in Latin American Discourses (3.0 cr)

Portuguese Literature (3 credits)

Select 3 credits from the following in consultation with the advisor.

PORT 5520 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

PORT 5530 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

PORT 5540 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

PORT 5910 - Topics in Lusophone Cultures and Literatures (3.0 cr)

SPPT 5930 - Selected Topics in Hispanic and Lusophone Cultural Discourse (1.0 - 3.0 cr)

Electives (9 credits)

Select 9 credits in consultation with the advisor. Other courses can be applied to this requirement with advisor approval.

SPAN 5316 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5531 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5910 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5920 - Topics in Spanish-American Studies (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5930 - Topics in Ibero-Romance Linguistics (3.0 cr)

SPAN 8100 - Research in Sociohistorical Approaches to Spanish Literature (3.0 cr)

SPAN 8200 - Spanish Literary Texts: Theories of Formal Structures (3.0 cr)

SPAN 8212 - Spanish Theater of the 16th Century: Drama up to Lope (3.0 cr)

SPAN 8223 - The Poetry of the Spanish Golden Age (3.0 cr)

SPAN 8300 - The Construction of Spanish Literary History (3.0 cr)

SPAN 8312 - Two Spanish Masterpieces: [Libro de Buen Amor] and [La Celestina] (3.0 cr)

SPAN 8960 - Workshop: Research in Hispanic Cultural Issues (3.0 cr)



SPAN 8990 - Advanced Comparative Research of Caribbean Genres (3.0 cr)

-OR-

Lusophone Literatures & Cultures (36 credits)

Portuguese and Lusophone Literature (12 credits)

Select 12 credits from the following in consultation with the advisor:

PORT 5520 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

PORT 5530 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

PORT 5540 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

PORT 5910 - Topics in Lusophone Cultures and Literatures (3.0 cr)

Spanish Peninsular and Spanish-American Literatures & Cultures (12 credits)

Select 12 credits in consultation with the advisor. One 3-credit course not included in the following list can be applied to this requirement with advisor and director of graduate studies approval.

SPAN 5110 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5150 - Contemporary Spanish Literature (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5160 - Medieval Iberian Literatures and Cultures (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5170 - The Literature of the Spanish Empire and Its Decline (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5180 - Don Quixote (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5190 - The Crisis of the Old Regime: Spanish Literature of the Enlightenment and Romanticism (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5550 - Caribbean Literature: An Integral Approach (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5560 - Global Colonial Studies in the Hispanic World (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5570 - Nineteenth Century Latin America: Enlightened Thought, Nation Building, Literacy, Cultural Discourse (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5580 - Latin American Cultural Integration in the Neocolonial Order (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5590 - The Impact of Globalization in Latin American Discourses (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5993 - Directed Studies (1.0 - 4.0 cr)

Electives (12 credits)

Select 12 credits from the following in consultation with the advisor. Other courses can be applied to this requirement with advisor approval.

PORT 5930 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5316 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5531 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5910 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5920 - Topics in Spanish-American Studies (3.0 cr)

SPAN 8100 - Research in Sociohistorical Approaches to Spanish Literature (3.0 cr)

SPAN 8200 - Spanish Literary Texts: Theories of Formal Structures (3.0 cr)

SPAN 8212 - Spanish Theater of the 16th Century: Drama up to Lope (3.0 cr)

SPAN 8223 - The Poetry of the Spanish Golden Age (3.0 cr)

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SPAN 8312 - Two Spanish Masterpieces: [Libro de Buen Amor] and [La Celestina] (3.0 cr)

SPAN 8960 - Workshop: Research in Hispanic Cultural Issues (3.0 cr)

SPAN 8990 - Advanced Comparative Research of Caribbean Genres (3.0 cr)

-OR-

Hispanic Linguistics (39 credits)

Linguistic Core Areas (30 credits)

Select 3 credits from each of the 5 core areas for a total of 15 credits. To complete the 30-credit requirement, choose an additional 15 credits from the following. Select coursework in consultation with the advisor.

Phonology

Select at least one of the following in consultation with the advisor:

SPAN 5711 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5721 - Spanish Laboratory Phonology (3.0 cr)

Syntax/Pragmatics

Select at least one of the following in consultation with the advisor:

SPAN 5714 - Theoretical Foundations of Spanish Syntax (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5716 - Structure of Modern Spanish: Pragmatics (3.0 cr)

Language Variation

Select at least one of the following in consultation with the advisor:

SPAN 5717 - Spanish Sociolinguistics (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5718 - Spanish Language Contact (3.0 cr)

SPAN 5985 - Sociolinguistic Perspectives on Spanish in the United States (3.0 cr)

History of Language

Select at least one of the following in consultation with the advisor:

SPAN 5701 - History of Ibero-Romance (3.0 cr)

Second Language Acquisition

Select at least one of the following in consultation with the advisor:

SPAN 5991 - The Acquisition of Spanish as a First and Second Language (3.0 cr)



Electives (9 credits)

Select 9 elective credits from the following in consultation with the advisor. Other courses can be chosen with advisor approval.

- ANTH 8005 - Linguistic Anthropology (3.0 cr)
- CI 5608 - CARLA Summer Institute Seminar (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- CI 5628 - Analyzing Learner Language in Second Language Acquisition (3.0 cr)
- CI 5656 - Teaching Literacy in Second Language Classrooms (3.0 cr)
- CI 5670 - Foundations of Dual Language and Immersion Education (3.0 cr)
- CI 8416 - Speculative Fiction, Radical Imagination, and Social Change (3.0 cr)
- CI 8671 - Sociolinguistic Research Approaches to Education (3.0 cr)
- CI 8689 - Language and Education Policy (3.0 cr)
- CI 8695 - Problems: Second Languages and Cultures Education (1.0 - 6.0 cr)
- EPSY 5261 - Introductory Statistical Methods (3.0 cr)
- EPSY 5262 - Intermediate Statistical Methods (3.0 cr)
- LING 5201 - Syntactic Theory I (3.0 cr)
- LING 5202 - Syntactic Theory II (3.0 cr)
- LING 5302 - Phonological Theory I (3.0 cr)
- LING 5303 - Phonological Theory II (3.0 cr)
- LING 5461 - Conversation Analysis (3.0 cr)
- LING 5601 - Historical Linguistics (3.0 cr)
- LING 5900 - Topics in Linguistics (3.0 cr)
- STAT 5021 - Statistical Analysis (4.0 cr)