

# Graduate Studies Programs

## *Master of Arts in Spanish*

### About the Program

The graduate curriculum in Spanish is designed to provide students with better command of oral and written Spanish and to consolidate the student's knowledge of the cultures and literature of the Spanish-speaking world. The student plans his/her program of study with the assistance of the director of the program, taking into consideration the student's particular preparation and objectives.

### Degree Requirements

Simmons College offers three options for the student looking for graduate work in Spanish.

- Master of Arts in Spanish

This eight course program requires at least one course that is a seminar in cultural or literary theory. A master's thesis is not required. The 32 credit program can be studied either full or part-time, but must be completed within five years.

- Certificate Program in Spanish

This non-degree program consists of four graduate courses to be chosen with the assistance of the program director and must be completed within five. These courses are transferrable if admitted to the masters program.

### Admission Requirements

Admission requires a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and a strong undergraduate record. An undergraduate degree in the language is not required in cases where competency has been acquired through experience. Applicants for admission to the Master of Arts program must submit an official transcript of the undergraduate record, a statement of purpose in pursuing the program, an analytical writing sample in Spanish, and two letters of recommendation from teachers or other persons well acquainted with the academic ability and performance of the candidate. Applicants interested in the certificate program must submit an application that is specific to the program, and meet with the program director. To request an application for the certificate program, please contact the Office of Graduate Studies Admission at 617-521-2915.

*“Simmons offers one of the few master’s programs in the Spanish language. The professors are very qualified, personable, and encouraging. As a mother, the scheduling flexibility is the number one reason why I applied to Simmons.*”

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MASTER OF ARTS IN SPANISH, '05



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## Coursework

- SPAN 445 Conversation and Composition
- SPAN 464 Pushing the Limits: The Quest for Freedom in Contemporary Hispanic Theater
- SPAN 466 Imagination, Freedom, and Repression in Latin American Literature
- SPAN 468 Insiders and Outsiders: Love, Honor, and Social Unrest in 16th and 17th Century Spain
- SPAN 469 The Image of the Bourgeoisie in the 19th and 20th Century Spanish Novel
- SPAN 510 Spanish Civilization
- SPAN 512 Society and Politics in Latin America: The Collision of Two Worlds and the Search for Identity
- SPAN 514 Hispanic Culture as Seen Through Film
- SPAN 520 The World of Don Quijote
- SPAN 522 Love, War, and Parody in Medieval and Contemporary Spanish Fiction
- SPAN 532 Contemporary Fiction in Latin America
- SPAN 536 Latin American Women Writers
- SPAN 580 Migrant in the City: Fieldwork Seminar on Puerto Rican Culture
- SPAN 449 Graduate Directed Study
- SPAN 450 Graduate Independent Study

### Graduate Seminars

- SPAN 405 Contemporary Critical Theory
- SPAN 430 Cultural Theory and Multicultural Practice

### Linguistics Courses for Education and MAT/Spanish Dual-Degree Students

- ML 408 Second Language Acquisition
- ML 410 Introduction to Linguistics and English Grammar

### Study Abroad

The Simmons College graduate program in Spanish offers the possibility to study abroad in Granada, Spain during the fall or spring semester through our affiliation with the Granada Institute of International Studies (GRIIS) and in Santander, Spain during the summer. These programs are run by Dr. Amalia Pulgarín, a former faculty member at Simmons.

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