

M.A. in Spanish Literature and Culture

Department of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics

Syracuse University

¡Bienvenidos!

Please note the deadline for submissions for Teaching Assistantships in the Spanish program is **February 1** of each year.

The Master's degree in Spanish requires the following:

1. 33 credits of coursework.

- a. Only four courses (12 credits) may count toward the degree if taken as a non-matriculated student.
- b. The student has seven years from the time he or she begins coursework (as a matriculated or non-matriculated student) to finish the M.A. degree.

2. All students will take the M.A. exam.

- a. The MA exams are based on reading lists in areas of study related to Peninsular Spanish, Spanish Linguistics, Latino Literature, and Latin American literatures and theory. The areas are:
 - i. Spanish Medieval and Golden Age Literatures and theory
 - ii. Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Spanish literature and theory
 - iii. Twentieth and Twenty-first Century Spanish literature and theory
 - iv. Latin American Colonial Literature and Theory
 - v. Nineteenth Century Latin American Literature and Theory
 - vi. Twentieth and Twenty-first Century Latin American Literature and Theory
 - vii. Spanish Linguistics
 - viii. Latino Literature
- b. Exams will be taken on two consecutive days: one day for Latino Latin American (four hours total) and the next day Peninsular and Spanish Linguistics (four hours total). The

written exam is followed by an oral component a week later. There are three choices of exam dates in each academic year:

- i. The Tuesday and Wednesday immediately following the last day of classes of fall semester.
- ii. The Tuesday and Wednesday immediately following the last day of classes in spring semester.
- iii. The Thursday and Friday immediately preceding the first week of classes of fall semester
(This will necessitate a December, not May, graduation date.)
- iv. Students that fail one section of the exam may retake that section as soon as possible.
Students that fail two or more sections must wait to retake those sections during the next examination period. A student failing any exam twice will not be awarded the M.A.

3. Thesis option.

- a. Students who are interested in writing a Master's Thesis in addition to the exams, may do so with the consent of the Spanish Faculty. Thesis students may petition to waive the **one** section of the M.A. exam that will be represented in the thesis. In addition, thesis students may opt to register for three thesis credits in lieu of one M.A. course while writing the thesis. The student must designate his or her intent to write a thesis, by submitting a working title and selecting a thesis director, by the last day of classes of his/her second semester of study.
- b. Thesis students present their thesis proposal for approval to the Spanish faculty by the end of the first week of classes of their third semester in the program.
- c. The student chooses three Spanish faculty members to serve on his/her thesis committee. There will be an oral thesis defense of the completed thesis before the committee approves it.

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