SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

GRADUATE EDUCATION

MADRID CAMPUS

Spanish

Saint Louis University is a Catholic, Jesuit institution that values academic excellence, life-changing research, compassionate health care, and a strong commitment to faith and service.

Founded in 1818, the University fosters the intellectual and character development of nearly 14,000 students on two campuses in St. Louis, Missouri and Madrid, Spain. Building on a legacy of nearly 200 years, Saint Louis University continues to move forward with an unwavering commitment to a higher purpose, a greater good.

OVERVIEW

The M.A. in Spanish program at Saint Louis University - Madrid Campus seeks to give participants a generalist foundation in the areas of Spanish Peninsular and Latin American Literature, as well as in the area of Teaching/Applied Linguistics. The program immerses participants in the Spanish language and its cultures; provides tools to achieve high standards of literary scholarship, along with an appreciation of the cultural and historical events that have shaped Spain and the Americas and their artistic and literary movements; enhances academic fluency and accuracy of expression as well as knowledge about the Spanish language in its historical and geographical contexts; and helps participants identify best pedagogical practices based on theoretical understandings of language teaching and learning.

The program is designed for holders of a B.A. in Spanish or a related field, language educators and literary scholars. The program also serves students who wish to continue study in a Ph.D. degree program in Spanish or a related field. The summer program at the Madrid Campus is especially suitable for high school teachers of Spanish.

The M.A. in Spanish degree requires completion of 10 seminars (three credits each), a written examination based on a list of readings and a final comprehensive oral examination based on coursework. The usual workload for one semester is three seminars. Some students take them in consecutive terms (spring and fall, and summer if interested) and others complete the program in several consecutive summers (usually three or four), which allows them to work during the academic year.

All courses required for the M.A. in Spanish program can be taken at the Madrid Campus. Students can also fulfill requirements for the M.A. in Spanish through a combination of study at the Madrid Campus and the St. Louis campus.

COURSES OFFERED (SELECTION)

Required:
- Introduction to Literary Criticism

Courses in Peninsular Studies:
- Don Quixote
- Contemporary Spanish Women Writers
- Contemporary Spanish Short Story
- Twentieth-Century Poetry
- Spanish Literature and Film: Bunuel and Galdos

Courses in Latin American Studies:
- Contemporary Latin American Short Story
- Latin American Modernismo
- Contemporary Latin American Poetry
- Contemporary Latin American Novel
- Women's Literature in Latin America

Courses in Linguistics:
- Spanish in the World
- Spanish Linguistics
- Methods and Methodology for Teaching Spanish
- Spanish Second Language Acquisition
- Spanish Text and Discourse Analysis

CAREER PATHS

Possible careers for M.A. in Spanish graduates include teaching, translation, bilingual support for a range of enterprises, international relations and publishing.

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FALL | May 31
SPRING | Oct 31
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DEGREES OFFERED

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- Application Form and Fee
- Transcript(s)
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- GRE or Miller Analogies Test Scores
- Statement of Purpose
- CV
- Writing Sample in Spanish

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 18 hours (minimum 2.5 GPA) of upper division undergraduate courses in Spanish. Students who do not meet this criterion may complete these prerequisites as part of their graduate program, though not for graduate credit.
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FINANCIAL SUPPORT

All current and newly-admitted students are invited to apply for graduate assistantships on a competitive basis. U.S. citizens and permanent residents are also eligible for Saint Louis University need-based financial aid (federal, state and private-funded student aid programs) based on FAFSA.

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