

**REQUIREMENTS FOR M.A. IN SPANISH  
MADRID CAMPUS  
SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY**

Our MA program seeks to give the student a generalist foundation in the areas of Spanish Peninsular and Latin American Literature as well as in the area of Teaching and Linguistics. Students are therefore encouraged to take a balanced number of courses in all areas in addition to their required courses. A maximum of 9 credit hours may be taken at the 400 level. Use the following chart to plan your MA career in Spanish and to keep track of your progress.

For a Master's degree in Spanish you must fulfill each of the following categories:

**1. Required Courses (two of the following)**

\_\_\_\_\_ SP A 504 Methods and Technology for the Teaching of Spanish

\_\_\_\_\_ SP A 520 Introduction to Literary Criticism

\_\_\_\_\_ SP A 508 Contemporary Spanish Culture and Civilization

\_\_\_\_\_ SP A 509 Contemporary Latin American Culture and Civilization

**2. 14-15 Hours of 500 Level Graduate Courses**

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**3. 9-10 Hours of 400 or 500 Level Coursework**

\_\_\_\_\_ (3 hrs.)

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**4. Written Examination**

\_\_\_\_\_ Specific area of concentration for exam

**5. Oral Examination**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of exam

#### 4. Written Examination

##### Written Examination

The exam is scheduled for two consecutive days. One day for the general reading list, and the next for the specific area list. Four hours is the recommended time frame for the general list and three for the specific area list. This arrangement may be changed to one full day, 9-4. The student may elect where to work, but it is recommended that the exam be written on a computer. **A committee of three faculty members appointed by the Madrid Graduate Program Director will evaluate the student's work.** The subject matter of the exam comes from the reading list. Each committee member submits two questions from the general list and one from the chosen area, for a total of six general list questions and three specific questions. The student will then choose and discuss three questions from those submitted for the general list and two from the specific area chosen. A copy of the current reading list is attached to this document or may be obtained from the Graduate Program Advisor. (See MA Written Exam Procedures)

#### 5. Oral Examination

The subject matter of the oral examination is the courses that the student has taken. An evaluation committee composed of three members of the faculty appointed by the Madrid Graduate Program Director will evaluate the student. These members may or may not be those chosen for the written examination. The oral examination will not be scheduled until the student passes the written examination. The student must pass the oral examination in order to receive the Master's degree. (See MA Oral Examination Expectations and Procedures)

Please refer to the **MA Retake Policy document** included in this packet for all questions on regulations about retaking the MA Written and Oral exams.

#### 6. Other Graduate School requirements:

According to the Graduate School Catalog:

- A graduate student must maintain a GPA of minimum 3.0 to be in good standing with the Graduate school. Otherwise, the student will receive an "academic warning" and will be put on "probation."
- A maximum of six semester-hours of course work may be approved for transfer toward fulfillment of degree requirements. (See Transfer of Credit Procedures)
- **If a student decides not to enroll one summer, he/she must enroll in 5CR-90 (Continuous Enrollment) in order to avoid any penalties from the Graduate school.** The penalty is currently \$100.
- **A "summers-only" student who enrolls during his career in a regular fall or spring semester either at the main campus or the Madrid campus, must continue enrolling for 0 hours of "continuous enrollment," even if he/she reverts back to attending school during the summers only.** The penalty for not doing so is currently \$100.

- Students who have completed coursework and are preparing for the MA Exam must register for zero-credits (SP A 595, Special Study for Exams) in order to remain in good standing with the Graduate school.
- The time limit for completing a Master's Degree is five years from the first semester of enrollment.
- The last semester that the student is enrolled, he/she must fill out an Application for Degree at the **beginning** of the semester.

Please consult the Graduate school for any further questions.

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