

# Master of Arts in Spanish

---

The master's degree program provides students with the opportunity to study the major movements and writers in Iberia and Latin America, acquire the critical and theoretical tools necessary to engage literary and cultural analysis with sophistication, and develop communicative competence through pedagogical and scholarly formation.

## Admission to Graduate Studies

An applicant seeking to pursue graduate study in the College may be admitted as either a degree-seeking or non-degree seeking student. Policies and procedures of Graduate Studies govern the process of Graduate admission. These may be found in the Graduate Studies (<http://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies>) section of the online catalog.

Please consult the Departments & Programs (<http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences>) section of the online catalog for information regarding program-specific admissions criteria and requirements. Special admissions requirements pertain to Interdisciplinary Studies degrees, which may be found in the Graduate Studies section of the online catalog.

## Graduate Admission

1. The applicant must hold (or anticipate completing by the time of admission) a B.A. or B.S. degree from an accredited U.S. college or university or the equivalent degree from a foreign university, must have 15 semester hours of literature courses at the survey level or above in Spanish or the equivalent of the undergraduate major in Spanish at KU, and must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, both in Spanish and overall.
2. The selection committee gives strong consideration to letters of recommendation, the breadth and depth of preparation, and Graduate Record Examination scores, if available. Deficiencies in preparation specified by the selection committee may be made up early in the graduate program, although the time required to complete the degree is correspondingly greater.

Submit your graduate application online (<http://graduate.ku.edu/prospective-students>). Send all other requested application materials to the department:

**The University of Kansas**  
**Department of Spanish and Portuguese**  
**Wescoe Hall**  
**1445 Jayhawk Blvd., Room 2650**  
**Lawrence, KS 66045-7594**

## M.A. Degree Requirements

The department offers the M.A. degree with a concentration in literature or language/literature/culture.

### Literature Concentration Requirements

1. A minimum of 30 hours of graduate credit in literature, including one seminar in Peninsular literature or in Spanish-American literature.
2. A reading knowledge of another foreign language, as approved by the department.

3. A general examination in the field of Hispanic literature, partly written and partly oral.

### Language/Literature/Culture Concentration Requirements

1. A minimum of 30 hours of graduate credit, as listed below.
2. A general examination, partly written and partly oral, based on the appropriate department reading lists for this degree.
  - a. Language and Culture (12 hours), including courses in phonetics and the structure of Spanish if they have not been taken at the undergraduate level.
  - b. Literature (12 hours), including at least 3 credit hours of course work in each of the three major genres (fiction, theatre, poetry). One course in this category must be a seminar.
  - c. One additional course in the department (3 hours) in any field. (PORT 611 counts in this category.)
  - d. One graduate-level course (3 hours) in a second language (excluding PORT 611).

### Study Abroad

The department offers summer programs in Barcelona, Spain; Buenos Aires, Argentina, Salvador (Bahia), Brazil. KU offers semester/academic year programs in San José, Costa Rica, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Salamanca, Spain. More information is available from the Office of Study Abroad (<http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu>).

Graduate students have the opportunity to teach and conduct research during summer sessions in Buenos Aires, Argentina; or Barcelona, Spain. The department also has a graduate exchange agreement with the Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, Spain.