LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND CULTURES, M.A.

The MA in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures with a concentration in French and Francophone Studies or Spanish offers two options: a thesis option requiring 30 hours of graduate study (24 hours course work and 6 hours thesis) and a comprehensive examination (if the degree is in French and Francophone Studies) and a non-thesis option requiring 30 hours of course work and a comprehensive examination.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see the Guide to Graduate Admissions.

Admission to MA in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures assumes completion of an undergraduate program with a minimum of 24 hours in French or Spanish, as appropriate, above the 204 level. Candidates lacking the prior academic language training may be admitted provisionally (contact relevant Director of Graduate Study for details).

In addition to the application materials required by The Graduate School, applicants to the MA in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures must provide the following to the Director of Graduate Study:

- 500-word Statement of Purpose in French or Spanish, highlighting prior experiences and explaining reasons for applying and expectations for the program.
- 3-to 5-minute unscripted tape, audio CD (in standard format), or digital audio file in French or Spanish demonstrating speaking ability through discussion of topics related to the program of study.
- an analytical paper in French, Spanish, or English written for a prior course in the humanities or a comparable writing sample.

French and Francophone Studies Concentration

Required: 30 credit hours

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Core Courses in French and Francophone Studies  18-30

In consultation with the Director of French Graduate Study, the student must select the remaining courses at the 500-level or above with at least 50% at the 600 level or above as indicated:

Thesis Option

- 18-24 course credit hours
- 6 thesis credit hours

Non-thesis Option

- 24-30 course credit hours

Electives Related Area  0-6

With prior approval from the Director of French Graduate Study, the student may select up to 6 hours in a related area.

* The student must complete with a grade of B (3.0) or better.

Additional Language Requirement

The student will demonstrate a reading knowledge of a language other than French and English by one of the following methods:

- Passing a reading or translation examination
- Completing intermediate-low level (equivalent to UNC Greensboro’s 204 level) or higher course work in the additional language with a grade of B (3.0) or better documented by an official transcript
- Obtaining a score of 400 or higher on the department's Computerized Adaptive Placement Exam

Contact the Director of Graduate Study in French for details.

Comprehensive Examination (Capstone Experience)

The student must pass a written comprehensive examination based on the reading list and course work taken. Please consult with your graduate advisor for more information on formats and test dates.

Reading List

The student will read a prescribed list of major works of French literature.

Thesis (thesis option only)

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The student selecting this option must write a thesis under the guidance of a committee consisting of a chair and two other members of the graduate faculty. An oral examination on the thesis is required. Please consult with your graduate advisor for further information.

Spanish Concentration

Required: 30 credit hours

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Core Courses in Spanish and Romance Languages  18

In consultation with the Director of Spanish Graduate Study, the student must select courses at the 500-level or above with at least 50% at the 600 level or above as indicated:

Select 6 semester hours in Latin American Literature/Culture
Select 6 semester hours in Spanish Peninsular Literature/Culture
Select 6 semester hours in Linguistics, the three major areas of the program

Capstone Experience  0-6

Select one of the following options:

Comprehensive Examination (Non-Thesis) Option

Students must pass a written comprehensive examination based on the reading list. The examination is scheduled once a semester in the fall and spring. Please consult with your graduate advisor for the dates of these examinations.

Thesis Option  6

SPA 699 | Thesis | 
Electives  3-9

Thesis Option students must select 3 credit hours

Non-thesis Option (Comprehensive Examination) students must select 9 credit hours
* Students selecting this option must write a thesis under the guidance of a committee consisting of a chair and two other members of the Graduate Faculty. An oral examination on the thesis is required. Please consult with the graduate advisor for further information.

Core Courses in Spanish and Romance Languages

Thesis option: Students who opt to write a thesis must develop a proposal and have it approved by the thesis chair and graduate director by the end of their first year in the program. Students selecting this option must write a thesis under the guidance of a committee consisting of a chair and two other members of the Graduate Faculty. An oral examination on the thesis is required. Please consult with your graduate advisor for further information. Students who opt to write a thesis are exempt from comprehensive exams.

Non-Thesis option: Students in the Non-thesis option must pass a written comprehensive examination based on the reading list.

Additional Language Requirement

The student will demonstrate a reading knowledge of a language other than Spanish and English by one of the following methods:

- Passing a reading or translation examination
- Completing intermediate-low level (equivalent to UNC Greensboro’s 204 level) or higher course work in the additional language with a grade of B (3.0) or better documented by an official transcript
- Obtaining a score of 400 or higher on the department’s Computerized Adaptive Placement Exam

Contact the Director of Graduate Study in Spanish for details.

Reading List

Students will read a prescribed list that includes major works on Spanish and Spanish American literature as well as works on Spanish and Spanish American culture and civilization, and Hispanic linguistics. Students should consult regularly with the graduate advisor, and with faculty specializing in the various areas, while working to complete preparation of the reading list.