LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND CULTURES, M.A.

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

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

Admission to M.A. in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures assumes completion of an undergraduate program with a minimum of 24 credit 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 M.A. 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.

Degree Program Requirements

French and Francophone Studies Concentration

Required: 30 credit hours

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Core Courses in French and Francophone Studies (18-30 credits)

In consultation with the Graduate Advisor in French, 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 credits
• 6 thesis credits

**Non-thesis Option**

• 24-30 course credits

Electives Related Area (0-6 credits)

With prior approval from the Graduate Advisor in French, the student may select up to 6 credits in a related area.

Total Credit Hours: 21-39

NOTE: All students must complete 30 credit hours for the French and Francophone Studies concentration, M.A. in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. The range of total credit hours that appears in the course list above reflects only a minimum-maximum sum of the credits listed for the program requirements.

* The student must complete LLC 601 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 credits)

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

Capstone Experience (0-6 credits)

Select one of the following options: 0-6

Non-Thesis (Comprehensive Examination) 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

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### 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.