



MASTER OF ARTS IN SPANISH

PART-TIME MA TRACK AND GRADUATE CERTIFICATE



Why pursue graduate coursework in Spanish?

The BGSU graduate program options in Spanish are great choices for people with busy lives who are motivated to pursue a graduate degree as their schedule allows. Working professionals—such as Spanish teachers with an undergraduate degree in Spanish or Spanish Education—will find the flexible structure, including online and on-ground courses, especially appealing.

Program options available:

- 18-credit Spanish Certificate for Educators and Professionals
- 36-credit Master of Arts in Spanish

The hybrid program option includes an experiential component for individuals who wish to develop their Spanish language skills beyond the traditional classroom setting and to expand their knowledge of the Spanish-speaking world. These exciting, credit-bearing opportunities include summer coursework in Spain and domestic internships with a Spanish-speaking population.

The program offers many benefits to individuals with varying needs:

- Gives K-12 Spanish teachers greater job security and pay grade, including eligibility to teach CCP courses
- Allows unlicensed teachers to work at private and charter schools
- Qualifies individuals to teach Spanish in a community college or university setting
- Provides advanced and native Spanish speakers added marketability and a great way to leverage their fluency with the added support of academic credentials

Why a Spanish graduate program at BGSU?

BGSU's unique Spanish MA program combines mastery of the language and content knowledge with practical, real-life experiences in immersion settings. This combination allows our students to become well prepared as global citizens and well equipped to succeed in a wide variety of careers that require sophisticated communication, cultural understanding and critical thinking skills.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Amy Robinson, College of Arts & Sciences, at ma-spanish@bgsu.edu or call 419-372-2168.

For questions about Professional Pathways, contact Graduate Admissions: gradinfo@bgsu.edu | 419-372-2791 | www.bgsu.edu/graduate

Learning outcomes

Students in either the Certificate or the MA program will be able to discuss critically and analytically a variety of topics related to the Spanish language, as well as Spanish-speaking cultures and literatures—both orally and in writing. Students will demonstrate advanced competence in the Spanish language and familiarity with the theoretical issues and research tools in the broad fields of literature, culture and linguistics from Spain and Latin America.

Experiential opportunities such as study abroad, service learning, and internships are available to help students develop intercultural communicative competencies necessary for global citizenship and workplace skills.

Program strengths and uniqueness

- Online and evening courses fit into busy schedules.
- Half-century-old program in Alcalá de Henares, Spain, featuring an on-site director and July-term coursework tailored to BGSU's part-time graduate students.
- Four-week summer abroad option will meet employers' academic expectations and satisfy cultural and linguistic immersion goals.
- Courses taught by diverse faculty offering personalized attention.
- International and domestic internships can be arranged for credit toward the degree.
- Students in the full MA will complete a two-part capstone that showcases attained skills.



"I couldn't be more pleased with the individual attention from the professors, small class sizes, and class times that fit my schedule, and the rigor that helps me accomplish the professional improvement goals that I have set for myself."

— Tina Bils, High School Spanish Teacher, Ohio

Admission requirements

The program strongly recommends that applicants have a minimum of a 3.0/4.0 undergraduate grade point average (GPA). Applicants are required to submit scanned copies of official or unofficial transcripts from all institutions attended. Upon admission, final official or notarized copies of transcripts from all institutions where degrees were earned and diplomas from international institutions must be submitted. Applicants to the MA program are also required to submit official scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Students completing the Certificate may continue on with the full MA, and the GRE requirement will be waived.

All applicants must submit a writing sample that should be an academic paper written in Spanish that reflects the candidate's potential for graduate-level study. Three (3) letters of recommendation are required for the MA program or two (2) for the Certificate, and at least one should directly address the candidate's Spanish proficiency level.

International applicants are also required to submit scores from the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), the Pearson Test of English Academic (PTEA), or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Successful completion of ELS 112 will also be accepted for this requirement.

Cost of tuition

Please refer to www.bgsu.edu/offices/bursar for current information on tuition and fees.

Financial assistance

Domestic students enrolled in four (4) or more credit hours are eligible to apply for financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to calculate student contribution and financial need. You may apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

How to apply

Visit the BGSU Graduate College website at www.bgsu.edu/graduate/admissions.

The application deadline is four weeks prior to the start of the term. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis as soon as supporting materials have been received.

Students may take up to 9 credits with guest non-degree status and apply for the degree program any time prior to the 4th course.

Curriculum

A total of 36 credit hours of coursework at the graduate level are required, 19 of which must be taken on the BGSU campus or from BGSU graduate faculty abroad. There are no specific SPAN courses required. Courses may be selected from those offered online and in the summer abroad and/or internship opportunities.

Sample Course Offerings (3 credit hours each)

- SPAN 6010: Teaching College Spanish
- SPAN 6210: Contemporary Latin American Cultural Discourses
- SPAN 6230: Issues in Andean Culture Studies
- SPAN 6260: Issues in Contemporary Mexican Literature and Culture
- SPAN 6270: Spanish American Cinema
- SPAN 6290: Latin American and Caribbean Music, Art, and Literature
- SPAN 6350: History & Identity in Spanish American Literature & Film
- SPAN 6360: Spanish American Women Writers
- SPAN 6410: Spanish Medieval Epic and Romancero
- SPAN 6550: Hispanic Linguistics
- SPAN 6800: Postcolonial Latin America
- SPAN 6800: Heritage Language Pedagogy
- SPAN 6800: Second Language Acquisition

Some transfer credits and coursework outside SPAN courses are allowed. Up to six hours of internship credit may apply.



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Professional Pathways

Professional Pathways provide affordable, flexible and practical graduate programs for working professionals, as well as full-time students, desiring advanced degrees or certificates to increase career opportunities or expand knowledge in specific academic disciplines.