

Professionalization & Cultural Activities

The Spanish Program organizes a **Conference on Transatlantic Studies** and a **Research Lecture Series** with outside scholars. Professionalization experiences are available through the University and Graduate School, as well as the **graduate student association**, which organizes the annual **Cultural Carolina Conference**. There is also a **Spanish Club**, conversation group (**Tertulia**), Honor Society (**Sigma Delta Pi**), film series, **Writing Bootcamp** for graduate students, and more.

Job Placement

Graduate students receive extensive training and experience in teaching and conducting research at the university level in preparation for a broad range of careers upon completing their degree.

Graduates have secured teaching positions at Clemson, Florida State, Indiana, Tulane, Vanderbilt, and the University of Virginia, as well as in secondary education, translation, business, law and government.

Application Deadline

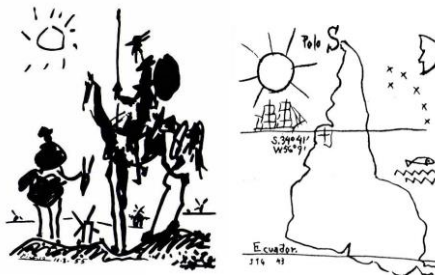
For applicants wishing to be considered for **financial support**, all application materials must be received by the Graduate School by **January 1**. After **May 1**, applications will be considered only if space is available. Submit application materials online at <http://www.gradschool.sc.edu>.

For more information:

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SPANISH Graduate Studies



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College of Arts and Sciences

**Department of Languages,
Literatures, and Cultures**

Degree Programs

The Spanish Program at the University of South Carolina invites you to pursue the in-depth study of literatures and cultures of the Spanish-speaking world through its **MA** and **PhD** in **Spanish** and provides the opportunity to participate in the intellectual and social life of a vibrant department while obtaining an advanced degree.

Our graduate programs allow students to conduct research in Spanish and Latin American literary and cultural studies and offer interdisciplinary connections with issues in Comparative Literature, Transatlantic Studies, Film Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, and other related fields.

In addition to literary and cultural studies, for the MA, students may select a **concentration in Hispanic Linguistics**, and may **concurrently pursue the PhD in Comparative Literature** or in **Linguistics** (with possible minor specialization in **Hispanic Studies**).

Degree requirements for the **MA** (**thesis, non-thesis tracks**) include 33 hours of approved coursework and other requirements; for the **PhD**, requirements include 66 hours post-BA (at most 30 from MA), a dissertation and other requirements.

Admissions Procedures

For the MA, applicants must hold a BA degree in Spanish; **for the PhD**, applicants must hold an MA degree in Spanish or related field. Graduates of foreign university programs where Spanish is the official language should consult the graduate advisor.

For all applicants:

- **Minimum overall GPA** of 3.0/4.0
- **Three letters of recommendation** from previous Spanish instructors
- **Minimum GRE scores** of 500/153 on the (verbal), 4.0 (analytical writing). (For **non-native English speakers** 400/146, 3.5)
- **Non-native English speakers** must also take the **TOEFL** or **IELTS** International Academic Course Type 2 exam. Minimum acceptable score on the TOEFL is 80 (iBT), 230 (computer-based) or 570 (paper-based). The minimum acceptable overall band score on the IELTS International Academic Course Type 2 exam is 6.5
- **Statement of purpose** of 500 words
- **Writing sample** of 2,500 words, written in Spanish (in English for those students whose native language is Spanish)
- **Five-minute sample of spoken Spanish** (in English for those students whose native language is Spanish)

Financial Support

Graduate assistantships are available based on merit. All graduate assistants undergo both theoretical and practical training to prepare them to teach language courses. In addition, they may assist with other duties, including working in the Foreign Language Learning Center, tutoring and leading extracurricular activities for undergraduate students.

Graduate students may apply for financial **support to attend academic conferences** and for **dissertation completion**.

Special support is available through Presidential Doctoral Recruiting & Diversity Fellowships, College of Arts & Sciences Graduate Enhancements, teaching fellowships in the Office of the Provost and College of Arts & Sciences' *Bridge Humanities Corps* in Social Advocacy and Ethical Life, Trustee Fellowships, and Dissertation Completion Fellowships from the Graduate School, College of Arts & Sciences, and the Bilinski Foundation.