About the Program

This program is for those individuals interested in earning a Master of Arts in Spanish, during the summer, over a period of three years. An attractive feature of the program is the fact that all of the graduate courses will be taken during three summer sessions; the academic year course load will be relatively light. Thus, students will be able to finish the courses within a 26-month time span while maintaining full-time employment. Students from out of the area also may take elective courses during the academic year at other institutions, with the approval of the graduate advisor.

Program faculty will include both SSU Spanish faculty and visiting faculty from other institutions teaching in their area of specialization.

For questions, please contact the coordinator of the program, Jeff Reeder (jeffrey.reeder@sonoma.edu), or the Extended Education program homepage at www.sonoma.edu/exed/spanish/

Curriculum

The program takes a generalist approach. Whereas most programs only allow students to specialize in one area or another, ours requires students to study at least three courses in literature, two in linguistics, one in pedagogy, and furthermore provides a mentored teaching practicum experience or internship. Students will pursue their curricular interests in greater depth by taking additional elective senior or graduate level courses (of which at least 12 units must be taken). Upon completion of the program, it is anticipated that all students will be able to:

- be prepared (both in curricular and pedagogical terms) to teach any course in Spanish language, literature, or culture in secondary schools, community colleges, or among lower-division university courses,
- submit a competitive application to regionally or nationally recognized Ph.D. programs in either Hispanic literatures, linguistics, or pedagogy,
- be able to conduct original research on topics of applied or theoretical linguistic interest in Spanish, and
- be able to conduct original research on topics related to Hispanic literature with a solid grounding in the literary canon.

Academic Preparation Required For Admission

To be considered for admission, candidates must meet one of the following three options:

1. Have a BA in Spanish from an accredited institution.
2. Have a bachelor's degree in another discipline from an accredited institution and have completed the following SSU courses (or their equivalents at another institution):
   - SPAN 301
   - SPAN 304
   - SPAN 305
   - SPAN 306
   - SPAN 307
   - SPAN 400
   - SPAN 401
   - SPAN 402

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3. Have a bachelor’s degree in another discipline from an institution where Spanish is the primary language of instruction and have completed the following SSU courses (or their equivalents at another institution):
   - SPAN 400
   - SPAN 401
   - SPAN 402

Courses used to fulfill admission requirements may not be counted toward the MA in Spanish program requirements (e.g. if a student takes SPAN 401 prior to being admitted to the graduate program, it may not be counted toward the MA unless it is repeated with a different topic).

In some cases, one or more courses required for admission to the program may be waived based on demonstrable professional or academic experience. Consult with the Graduate Advisor for details.

To be admitted, an applicant shall:
1. have completed a four-year college course of study and hold an acceptable baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association, or shall have completed equivalent academic preparation as determined by appropriate campus authorities
2. be in good academic standing at the last college or university attended
3. have attained a grade point average of at least 2.5 (A=4.0) in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units attempted; and
4. satisfactorily meet the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards for graduate study as determined by the Spanish Program Graduate Admissions Committee.

All graduate and post-baccalaureate applicants, regardless of citizenship, whose native language is not English and whose preparatory education was principally in a language other than English must demonstrate competence in English. Those who do not possess a bachelor's degree from a postsecondary institution where English is the principal language of instruction must receive a minimum score of 213 or higher on the computerized Test of English as a Foreign Language (550 on the paper form).

Students will be admitted in an annual cycle in time for each year's summer program courses. Students may begin program courses at any time on a provisional basis.

Your completed application must be accompanied by the following:
1) A $55 application fee (check or money order made out to SSU)
2) Two (2) Official Transcripts showing the most recent 60 semester units you have attempted, as well as award of the bachelor's degree
3) Four (4) copies of a written Statement of Purpose as related to the Spanish M.A. Program (written in Spanish, maximum 500 words).
4) One (1) copy of an oral description of your experience as a learner/speaker of Spanish spoken by you in Spanish (maximum four minutes), either on a cassette tape or CD (.mp3, QuickTime, Audacity formats only).

Please mail your application and all accompanying materials to:
SSU School of Extended and International Education
Attn: Spanish Master of Arts
1801 E. Cotati Ave., Stevenson Hall 1012
Rohnert Park, CA 94928
Course Descriptions

SPAN 500
*Spanish Second Language Pedagogy* (4 units)
A course in second language acquisition theory and second language pedagogy in which participants learn to understand and apply models of proficiency-oriented and standards-based language instruction. Grade only.

SPAN 501
*Teaching Practicum / Internship* (4 units) with Advisor Approval Form
This course is a participatory experience for students in the MA program. Students will participate in the instruction of a Spanish class at SSU. Spanish program faculty will collaborate with and mentor students in class activities, creating an inclusive atmosphere, and working with diverse populations of students. Alternatively, students may collaborate with program faculty to design an internship experience that provides a practical dimension to research or learning obtained through the program. Prerequisite SPAN 500.

SPAN 502
*Advanced Linguistics* (4 units)
A course in Spanish linguistics that will analyze the form, meaning, and function of linguistic units; including, but not limited to, phonetics/phonology, morphology, and syntax. Requires completion of a research project. Grade only.

SPAN 503
*Practical Linguistics* (3 units)
A course in the significant elements of Spanish linguistics as applied in areas such as translation and interpretation, the pragmatics of oral and written discourse, including literary texts. Requires completion of a research project. Grade only.

SPAN 504
*Hispanic Literature I* (3 units)
This survey course examines the literature of Spain and the Americas written before 1700 in a variety of genres and styles. Methods of literary analysis and historical contexts will be covered. This course will require the reading of El Quijote among other texts. Grade only.

SPAN 505
*Hispanic Literature II* (3 units)
This survey course examines the literature of Spain and the Americas written in the XVIII and XIX centuries. Methods of literary analysis and historical contexts will be covered. Grade only.

SPAN 506
*Hispanic Literature III* (3 units)
This survey course examines the literature of Spain and the Americas written since 1898 in a variety of genres and styles. Methods of literary analysis and historical contexts will be covered. Grade only.

SPAN 595
*Special Topics* (4 units) with Advisor Approval Form
Directed, individual study on a particular topic. Course may require completion of an upper-division undergraduate course in Spanish or in a discipline related to the student's program of study (only 400-level Spanish courses may be used as Special Topics courses), which may include additional readings, assignments, or projects. All courses other than 400-level Spanish courses must be approved in writing by the Graduate Advisor prior to registering for the course. May be repeated for credit.