M.A. in Hispanic Studies

The M.A. in Hispanic Studies is an interdisciplinary program that offers three different concentrations areas of study in Hispanic linguistics, Hispanic literature, and Hispanic culture. The program is supported by a faculty and this is strong in interdisciplinary approaches to the study of languages, literatures, and cultures.

EACH CONCENTRATION AREA IS OFFERED WITH BOTH THE THESIS AND NON-THESIS OPTIONS FOR CUSTOMIZATION

LINGUISTICS

LITERATURE

CULTURE

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Graduate Assistantships
Graduate assistantships are offered to qualified full time graduate students for a maximum of two years and include tuition waiver and stipend.

Graduate Minor
Students can enhance their Graduate School experience at LSU by completing a graduate minor in one of the following areas: art history, English, French, geography, and anthropology, history, linguistics, women's studies, and more.

Application Process
Prospective students must complete an online application with the LSU Graduate School. The first step is to create an account. Applicants must submit the following information to the Graduate School:
- Complete application form
- Application fee
- Official transcripts from all universities attended (in English)
- GRE scores (meet by testing services)
- CV (in English or Spanish)
- 3 letters of recommendation (in English or Spanish, uploaded by references)
- Statement of purpose (in English or Spanish)
- Writing sample in Spanish (university-level essay)
- International applicants must also submit a TOEFL score or equivalent (need by testing services)

Additional Information
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Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures
Louisiana State University

An interdisciplinary program focused on the language, literature, and cultures of the Spanish-speaking world.
Includes the study of Spanish speaking cultures in Spain, Latin America, and in the Diaspora (especially the U.S.)

Three concentration areas to choose from:
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Cultural Studies

Broad range of faculty expertise (historic periods, regions, approaches)

Financial aid available

Program Highlights
Faculty expertise
Linguistics: examines aspects of the Spanish language through a scientific approach; a diverse field with many distinct areas (sociolinguistics, applied linguistics, etc.).

Cultural studies: draws from different disciplines to understand power relations in society by analyzing cultural practices and “texts,” (music, film, photography, subcultures)

Literature: study of different literary genres in historical context with concern for how style and themes relate to society, past and present

Concentration areas and research by current students
- 2 year full time program, part time option also
- 3 courses per semester (total of 36 credit hrs.)
- combination of graduate seminars (usually 10 students or less) and 4000 level courses
- exam or thesis option
- coursework with faculty in Spanish and other fields, such as history, geography and anthropology.

Program structure
Full time students are eligible for Graduate Assistantships:

- 20 hrs. of work per week
- Includes tuition waiver and stipend
- Provides training and experience in language teaching

Financial Aid
Some career paths of alumni:

- College level teaching as instructors
- A variety of other careers such as primary or secondary level teaching, publishing, non-profit sector
- Doctoral study in various field such as linguistics, comparative literature, Spanish, geography, law

Career options
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Questions?