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LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Handbook

for the M.A. in Hispanic Studies

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Graduate study in Spanish has a long tradition at LSU. The M.A. in Hispanic Studies at LSU is an enhanced and redesigned interdisciplinary program that offers three different concentration areas of study: **1) Hispanic Linguistics**, **2) Hispanic Literature**, and **3) Hispanic Cultural Studies**. Each one of these areas is offered with both the thesis and the non-thesis options.

Each one of the three concentration areas is strategically structured to help guide the student in selecting his/her courses and designing his/her curriculum/research agenda. This new format is intended to facilitate defining the parameters for the development of the study lists for the comprehensive exam option as well as research skills and methodology for the thesis-option.

The program is supported by a faculty unit that is strong in interdisciplinary approaches to the study of language, literature, and culture. Affiliated faculty members from other departments complement the program with their expertise related to Hispanic issues in anthropology, geography, history, political science, and international studies.

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

To guide students towards the acquisition of fundamental knowledge and skills in Hispanic studies (language, literature, linguistics, civilization, and cultural studies)

To guide students towards a thorough understanding of the literatures and cultures of Spain and Latin America and in Hispanic Linguistics, and to oversee their specialization in one of the three areas of concentration of Hispanic studies

To provide students with appropriate tools to work in fields for which demand for knowledge of Spanish and Hispanic culture is constantly increasing, such as diplomacy and international relations, interpretation/translation (for legal,

Introductory courses mandatory for each concentration should be taken during the first year of study.

SPAN 4400 (Introduction to

Thesis Option

The final examination for the thesis option is an oral defense of

OTHER DUTIES OF THE GRADUATE ADVISOR ALONG WITH THE SPANISH FACULTY

Besides the workshop with the language coordinator and a session with the Graduate Advisor that takes place during the orientation week before classes begin each semester, the Graduate Advisor will hold informational sessions/meetings with graduate students every semester to address concerns that they may have within the department so as to give them a voice regarding what they would like to see implemented to better their overall experience as graduate students. Special attention will be paid to those students graduating within the following two semesters regarding paperwork to be sent to Graduate School, deadlines, etc.

The Spanish section will hold at least one workshop per semester based on the objective
r needs.

The Graduate Studies Committee will periodically update the website with accurate, full information on our degree.

GRADUATE STUDENTSHIP YEAR GRADUATE

Graduate Assistantships are available for graduate students who are admitted to the M.A. in Hispanic Studies program. The maximum number of years (full-time graduate students normally complete the program in two years.) Be aware that the M.A. in Hispanic Studies must be completed within five years of entrance into the degree program.

The Graduate Assistantship requires an average of **20 hours** of service per week. First year students fulfill this requirement by partaking in a series of classroom related activities under the mentorship of a Spanish language instructor. These activities, inside and outside the classroom, are specifically designed to prepare students to teach in the second year. After completing 18 credit hours, students begin a teaching assistantship during which they teach one 4-credit Spanish language course per semester. Teaching Assistants are

SUMMARIZING

In order to earn an M.A. in Hispanic Studies all students must:

1. Form and work with advisory committees (see page 5)
2. Complete a minimum of 36 credit hours (see page 3, 4)
3. Prove mastery of a concentration by passing a comprehensive exam or by writing and defending a thesis (see page 4)

PART II: PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE LIST CONCENTRATIONS

Hispanic Literature:

Non-thesis option:

2 courses (6 hours) in Hispanic Linguistics Studies

2 courses (6 hours) in Hispanic Cultural Studies

Spanish 4400 (3 hours) Introduction to Hispanic Cultural Studies

Spanish 7990 (3 hours) Research Methods and Hispanic Criticism (Literary/Cultural Studies Theory)

6 courses (18 hours) in Hispanic Literary Studies

Total: 12 courses (36 hours)

Thesis option:

Substitute 6 hours of thesis credit for two of the courses in Hispanic Literature.

Political Science

Political Science 4065 Latin American Governments and Politics

International Studies

Intl 4997 Contemporary Latin America

- *May be taken for a maximum of 6 hours of credit when topics vary
- **May be taken for a maximum of 12 hours of credit when topics vary

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 M.A. in Hispanic Studies
Graduate Student Record

Student name: _____ **Starting date:** _____

Committee members:

1. Chair: _____
2. Reader 2: _____
3. Reader 3: _____

Thesis **non-Thesis** (36 semester hours in courses)
--at least six 7000-level courses (18 credit hours) with the thesis option or seven (21 credit hours) with the non-thesis option are required.

Concentration in Literature:

(must include 6 hours in Hispanic Linguistics and 6 hours in Hispanic Cultural Studies)

Concentration in Linguistics:

(must include 6 hours in Hispanic Literature and 6 hours in Hispanic Cultural Studies)

Concentration in Cultural Studies:

(must include 6 hours in Hispanic Literature and 6 hours in Hispanic Linguistics)

SPAN 4400 Introduction to Hispanic Cultural Studies (All students must take this course).

SPAN 7985 Research Methods in Hispanic Linguistic (This course is required for the concentration on Linguistics).

SPAN 7990 Research Methods and Hispanic Criticism (This course is required for the concentrations on Literature and Cultural Studies).

Courses:

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