The Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies offers a Master of Arts degree (M.A.) in Spanish (thesis and non-thesis options) and a Doctor of Philosophy degree (Ph.D.) in Romance Languages and Literatures, with a concentration in Spanish. Descriptions of the minimum requirements for both degrees are provided in the General Information section of this catalog. For specific information about the program, please visit the graduate section of the departmental webpage:

http://www.spanishandportuguese.ufl.edu/spanish/graduate.html

Candidates for graduate degrees (both M.A. and Ph.D.) in Spanish can choose between two specializations—literature/culture or linguistics. In conjunction with their master's or doctoral work, students may also earn a Certificate in Latin American Studies. Though a graduate degree is not offered in Portuguese, extensive course offerings at the graduate level permit students to develop a strong specialization in Portuguese language and Luso-Brazilian literature, film and culture.

The main prerequisite for admission to the M.A. program is an undergraduate major in Spanish, ideally including advanced courses in the proposed area of specialization. Applicants for the Ph.D. should hold an M.A. or equivalent degree in Spanish. At the discretion of the Graduate Studies Committee, candidates from related fields of study (History, Sociology…) may be offered a conditional admission into the Ph.D. program pending the passing of the M.A. Comprehensive Examination within the first year of study.

All M.A. and Ph.D. students in Spanish who are appointed as teaching assistants must take Romance Language Teaching Methods (FOL / FOL 6943 Romance Language Teaching Methods (3 cr.)). Besides, all M.A. and Ph.D. students specializing in literature and culture must take Introduction to Graduate Study and Research (SPW 6806 Introduction to Graduate Study and Research (3 cr.)). Other requirements vary with degree and specialization. For details, consult the graduate section of the departmental webpage (see above).

The Department is able to offer most students a teaching assistantship that provides a maintenance stipend and includes a tuition waiver. Contingent on positive performance in teaching and graduate work, M.A. students are guaranteed four semesters of support, and Ph.D. students are guaranteed eight semesters of support beyond the M.A. In addition, there are several fellowships, supplements and stipends for which students may apply, and summer teaching may be available.

Prospective students are encouraged to review the departmental webpage in order to familiarize themselves with the program and the application process. Only those applications including all required materials and submitted by the advertised deadlines will be considered. For any questions about the program or how to apply, please contact the graduate coordinator grad-coord@spanish.ufl.edu.

Highly qualified UF undergraduate students majoring in Spanish may apply for a combined B.A./M.A. program in Spanish that allows up to 12 graduate credits to be counted toward fulfillment of both degrees. Contact the graduate coordinator for qualifications and details.