

PhD in Spanish Linguistics

The School of International Letters and Cultures offers a graduate program leading to a PhD in Spanish Linguistics. The program trains students for entrance into the academic profession (teachers and scholars) as well as for professions outside of academia.

The **Spanish Linguistics PhD** offers advanced interdisciplinary graduate training that combines key areas in second language acquisition and teaching, applied linguistics, heritage language research and pedagogy, sociolinguistics and bilingualism. The intent of the program is to prepare the candidate for a productive career in the discipline of Hispanic studies with the supportive guidance of the student's mentor and the guidance of the Spanish linguistics faculty. In addition to taking one core course and 7 required courses in Spanish Linguistics, students will opt to specialize in one of these two options: 1) Spanish heritage studies and sociolinguistics or 2) second language acquisition and teaching.

Course Requirements

Students may be admitted to the PhD program with either a bachelor's or a master's degree. If admitted with a bachelor's degree, students must complete a minimum of 84-credit hours. If admitted with a master's degree, they must complete a minimum of 54 credit hours.

	Credit Hours	
	Admitted with a Master's	Admitted with a Bachelor's
Core courses	3	3
Required track courses	9	9
Other required courses	19	19
Research and electives	11	41
Dissertation	12	12
Total semester hours required	54	84

Required Core Courses

SPA 543	Structure of Spanish	3 credit hours
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Required Track Courses (Select 3 courses)

Spanish Heritage Studies and Sociolinguistics

SPA 541	Spanish Language in America	3 credit hours
SPA 542	Studies in the Spanish of the Southwest	3 credit hours
SPA 598	Topic: Bilingualism	3 credit hours
SPA 691	Topic: Advanced Sociolinguistics	3 credit hours
SPA 691	Topic: Heritage Language Research	3 credit hours

Required Track Courses (Select 3 courses)

Second Language Acquisition and Teaching Methodologies

LIN 557	Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL)	3 credit hours
SPA 598	Topic: Bilingualism	3 credit hours
SPA 598	Topic: Language Program Administration	3 credit hours
SPA 598	Topic: Spanish Applied Linguistics	3 credit hours
SPA 691	Topic: Applied Linguistics	3 credit hours

Other Required Courses

COE 502	Introduction to Data Analysis (or approved equivalent)	3 credit hours
GRD 791	Topic: Preparing Future Faculty and Scholars (PFx)	1 credit hour
SPA 544	Spanish Phonology	3 credit hours
SPA 546	Heritage Language Pedagogy	3 credit hours
SPA 598	Topic: Research Methods for Linguists	3 credit hours
SPA 598	Topic: Sociolinguistics	3 credit hours
SPA 598	Topic: Spanish Second Language Acquisition	3 credit hours

Dissertation Hours

Students must take at least 12 credits of SPA 799 Dissertation. Exactly 12 credits must be on a student's iPOS. Students must achieve candidacy before being eligible to enroll in SPA 799 Dissertation.

Elective Courses

Students may take 41 credit hours of elective courses. Electives should be chosen in consultation with the student's committee. Some electives may be taken outside of the School of International Letters and Cultures.

Supervisory Committee

Each student's supervisory committee must include members from at least two diverse disciplines to reflect the transdisciplinary nature of the degree.

Comprehensive Exam, Dissertation Prospectus and Candidacy

When students have completed or are close to completing the coursework, they may request permission to take the comprehensive exam. The PhD comprehensive exam is administered by the student's supervisory committee. PhD students achieve candidacy status after passing the comprehensive exam and successfully defending a dissertation prospectus.

Dissertation Defense

A dissertation and final oral examination in defense of the dissertation is required. The dissertation must reflect the transdisciplinary nature of the degree by integrating research from multiple disciplines.

Additional Information and Questions

For additional information, please visit silc.asu.edu.