DOCTORATE IN PHILOSOPHY
SPANISH SPECIALIZATION IN CANADIAN STUDIES

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures offers the degrees of Master of Arts (MA) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Spanish.

The objective of the program is to provide advanced training in the literatures and cultures of Spain and Latin America, as well as in Hispanic linguistics, benefiting from the theoretical and comparative research interests of the professors of the department.

For more information, visit the website of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures.

The Department participates in a collaborative program in Medieval and Renaissance Studies at the MA level and in a collaborative program in Canadian Studies at the PhD level. For more information on this program, see ‘Admission Requirements’.

Because of its strength in relevant areas, its bilingual character and its location in the national capital, the University of Ottawa is uniquely positioned to offer a collaborative program leading to a specialization in Canadian Studies at the doctoral level. The program is especially designed for doctoral students in selected programs in the humanities and the social sciences who wish to enrich their training in a particular discipline by including an interdisciplinary component.

The programs are governed by the general regulations ([http://www.grad.uottawa.ca/Default.aspx?tabid=1807](http://www.grad.uottawa.ca/Default.aspx?tabid=1807) in effect for graduate studies.

Admission Requirements

For the most accurate and up to date information on application deadlines, language tests and other admission requirements, please visit the specific requirements ([https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/programs-admission/apply/specific-requirements/](https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/programs-admission/apply/specific-requirements/)) webpage.

Applicants must have an MA in Spanish or equivalent degree, with an average of at least 75 per cent (B+). Applicants are required to submit a short description of their proposed doctoral research project outlining their areas of interest as well as a sample of their graduate written work. Wherever possible, candidates for admission to the program should be interviewed by a professor or professors in the program.

All inquiries should be addressed to the director of graduate studies in Spanish.

Language Requirements

In addition to an excellent knowledge of Spanish, all students must meet one of the following requirements:

- Proficiency in English with a good passive knowledge of French.
- OR
- Proficiency in French with a good passive knowledge of English.

Moreover, students need a passive knowledge of any other languages necessary for completion of their thesis research.

Transfer from Master’s to PhD

Students enrolled in the Master of Arts in Spanish at the University of Ottawa who have obtained excellent results may, exceptionally, be admitted into the doctoral program without having completed a master's thesis. To take advantage of this option, they must:

- Obtain an average of at least 80 per cent (A-) in the five courses of the master's with thesis option.
- AND
- Obtain the approval of the graduate studies committee. Similar arrangements may be made for students enrolled in a master of arts in Spanish at another university.

The transfer must take place within sixteen months of initial enrollment in the master's. Following the transfer, all the requirements of the doctoral program must be met.

Collaborative Program

The Spanish section of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures is a participating unit in the collaborative program in Canadian Studies at the PhD level. This program has been established for students wishing to enrich their training in Spanish by including an interdisciplinary component in Canadian Studies. The seminar (CDN 6520 or CDN 6910) counts for units towards the PhD in Spanish such that students in the collaborative program are not required to complete an additional course.

To be admitted to the program, students must be enrolled in or have successfully completed at least one graduate course in Spanish with Canadian content. The mention ‘Specialization in Canadian Studies’ will be added to the diploma of students who pass the seminar (CDN 6520 or CDN 6910) and successfully defend a thesis on a Canadian topic in Spanish.

Program Requirements

Students must complete six 3-unit courses as follows:

- One of these courses must be ESP 5901 (or equivalent course determined by the Graduate Studies Committee).
- Since ESP 5901 is also compulsory in the MA program, students who have completed their MA in Spanish at the University of Ottawa, or at another institution where they passed an equivalent course, will be required to replace ESP 5901 with another graduate course in order to complete the six courses while in the PhD program.
- Students specializing in Peninsular Literature and Culture will complete at least 6 units in Spanish American Literatures and Cultures; and at least 3 units in Hispanic Linguistics.
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- Students specializing in Hispanic Linguistics will complete at least 6 units in Hispanic Linguistics, and at least 3 units in either Peninsular Literature and Culture or Latin American Literatures and Cultures.

Courses must be selected from each of the following lists:

**Peninsular Literature and Culture:**

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Students enrolled in the collaborative program will be asked to meet both the requirements of their primary program and those of the collaborative program. The requirements of the collaborative program will serve as partial fulfillment of the requirements of their primary program.

Compulsory Courses:

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Submission and successful defence of a thesis on a Canadian topic in the participating unit.

The proposed topic must be approved by both the participating unit and the Canadian Studies Graduate Committee. At least one of the examiners of the thesis must be a person chosen in consultation with the executive committee of the Institute of Canadian and Aboriginal Studies.

Note(s)

1. Before registering in CDN 6520, students must check to see whether this course can replace a three-unit course in their primary program. CDN 6520 is offered only in French.

Duration of Program

Students are expected to complete all requirements within four years. The maximum time permitted is six years from the date of initial enrollment in the program.

Minimum Standards

The passing grade in all courses is C+. Students who fail two courses (equivalent to 6 units), the thesis proposal, or whose research progress is deemed unsatisfactory are required to withdraw.

Thesis Advisory Committee

During the first terms of the program, a thesis advisory committee (TAC) is formed for the candidate. The Committee’s membership will be determined by the specific interests of the candidate. It will be composed of the supervisor and 2-3 additional professors. At least one member of the thesis committee, in addition to the supervisor, must be from the Faculty of Arts. The TAC is responsible for guiding the student throughout the program, including course selection, the comprehensive examination, thesis proposal, and thesis defense.

A meeting between the student and the Thesis Advisory Committee will take place at least once per term. The thesis examining board may include members who are not part of the TAC.

Research

Research Fields & Facilities

Located in the heart of Canada’s capital, a few steps away from Parliament Hill, the University of Ottawa is among Canada’s top 10 research universities.

uOttawa focuses research strengths and efforts in four Strategic Areas of Development in Research (SADRs):

- Canada and the World
- Health
- e-Society
- Molecular and Environmental Sciences
With cutting-edge research, our graduate students, researchers and educators strongly influence national and international priorities.

Research at the Faculty of Arts
The Faculty of Arts is proud of the state of the art research conducted by its professors. In the spirit of showcasing its research to the university community as well as to the public, the Faculty has created three activities: Dean's Lecture Series, Treasures of the Library, and Excellence Lectures.

Facilities, Research Centres and Institutes at the Faculty of Arts

For more information, refer to the list of faculty members and their research fields on Uniweb.

IMPORTANT: Candidates and students looking for professors to supervise their thesis or research project can also consult the website of the faculty or department (https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/academic-unit-contact-information/) of their program of choice. Uniweb does not list all professors authorized to supervise research projects at the University of Ottawa.

Courses
ESP 5901 Méthodologies de la recherche littéraire et interculturelle / Methodologies of Literary and Intercultural Research (3 crédits / 3 units)
Survol des fondements théoriques nécessaires pour mener des recherches en littératures et cultures. Les cours ESP 5901, LCM 5901 ne peuvent être combinés pour l'obtention de crédits. / Overview of the theoretical basis for research in the fields of literatures and cultures. Courses ESP 5901, LCM 5901 cannot be combined for units.
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
Exclusion: LCM 5901
ESP 5912 Aspects of Spanish Literature I / Aspects of Spanish Literature I (3 crédits / 3 units)
Concentration sur des aspects sélectionnés dans des domaines spécifiques. Travaux écrits. / Focus on selected aspects in specific areas. Written assignments.
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
ESP 5914 Aspects of Spanish Literature II / Aspects of Spanish Literature II (3 crédits / 3 units)
Concentration sur des aspects sélectionnés dans des domaines spécifiques. Travaux écrits. / Focus on selected aspects in specific areas. Written assignments.
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
ESP 5918 Aspects of Spanish Literature III / Aspects of Spanish Literature III (3 crédits / 3 units)
Concentration sur des aspects sélectionnés dans des domaines spécifiques. Travaux écrits. / Focus on selected aspects in specific areas. Written assignments.
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar

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ESP 5963 Séminaire spécial II / Special Seminar II (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
ESP 5972 Études dirigées I / Directed Studies I (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
ESP 5974 Directed Studies II (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research
ESP 6961 Specialized Translation from Spanish to English (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
ESP 6962 Specialized Translation from English to Spanish (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
ESP 6963 Tradition spécialisée de l'espagnol vers le français (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
ESP 6964 Traduction spécialisée du français vers l'espagnol (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
ESP 6972 Études dirigées / Directed studies (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
ESP 7012 Traduction dirigée / Supervised Translation (6 crédits / 6 units)
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
ESP 7901 Aspects of Spanish Literature V / Aspects of Spanish Literature V (3 crédits / 3 units)
Concentration sur des aspects sélectionnés dans des domaines spécifiques. Travaux écrits. / Focus on selected aspects in specific areas. Written assignments.
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
ESP 7902 Aspects de la littérature hispanique II / Aspects of Hispanic Literature II (3 crédits / 3 units)
Concentration sur des aspects sélectionnés dans des domaines spécifiques. Travaux écrits. / Focus on selected aspects in specific areas. Written assignments.
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
ESP 7903 Aspects de la littérature hispano-américaine V / Aspects of Spanish-American Literature V (3 crédits / 3 units)
Concentration sur des aspects sélectionnés dans des domaines spécifiques. Travaux écrits. / Focus on selected aspects in specific areas. Written assignments.
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
ESP 7905 Aspects de la linguistique hispanique / Aspects of Hispanic Linguistics (3 crédits / 3 units)
Concentration sur des aspects sélectionnés dans des domaines spécifiques. Travaux écrits. / Focus on selected aspects in specific areas. Written assignments.
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
ESP 7912 Directed Translation (6 crédits / 6 units)
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
ESP 7916 Séminaire de recherche en linguistique hispanique / Research Seminar in Hispanic Linguistics (3 crédits / 3 units)
Séminaire de recherche sur certains sujets dans des domaines spécifiques avec accent sur la participation de l'étudiant. Travaux écrits. / Seminars on research topics in specific areas with emphasis on student participation. Written assignments.
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
ESP 7920 Séminaire spécial / Special Seminar (3 crédits / 3 units)
Ce cours offre un code de séminaire flexible pour certains domaines de compétences particuliers des professeurs, surtout les professeurs invités. / This course offers a flexible seminar code for some special areas of expertise of professors, particularly invited professors.
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
ESP 7997 Mémoire de maîtrise / M.A. Research Paper
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research
ESP 7998 Comprehensive Exam
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
ESP 8910 Séminaire de recherche doctorale / Doctoral Research Seminar (3 crédits / 3 units)
Séminaire de recherche sur certains sujets dans des domaines spécifiques avec accent sur la participation de l'étudiant. Travaux écrits. / Seminars on research topics in specific areas with emphasis on student participation. Written assignments.
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
ESP 9997 Examen de synthèse / Comprehensive Examination
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research
CDN 6520 Séminaire sur la francophonie canadienne (3 crédits)
Séminaire sur des thèmes se rapportant à la francophonie canadienne, particulièrement les francophones vivant en situation minoritaire.
Volet : Séminaire
CDN 6910 Séminaire en études canadiennes / Seminar in Canadian Studies (3 crédits / 3 units)
Séminaire interdisciplinaire bilingue sur des sujets se rapportant au Canada. Les thèmes seront choisis en consultation avec les unités participantes, en tenant compte du nombre d'étudiants, de l'orientation de leur recherches et celles des unités participantes. / Bilingual interdisciplinary seminar on issues related to the study of Canada. Topics to be selected in consultation with participating units, taking into consideration the number of students, their research interests and those of the participating units.
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar