DOCTORATE IN PHILOSOPHY IN SPANISH

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures offers the degrees of Master of Arts (MA) and Doctorate 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.

The programs are governed by the general regulations (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/) webpage.

For admission, candidates must have a Bachelor’s in Spanish, or equivalent, with a minimum score of 75% (B+). All Candidates must submit a description summary of their research project with information about their interest, also they need to submit a sample of the written work with Bachelor’s level, when it is possible, All candidates should meet one or two members of Program professors.

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.
- 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.

Program Requirements

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2021-2022 calendars (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/) for the previous requirements.

Students must complete five 3-unit courses as follows:

- One of these courses must be ESP 5963 (or equivalent course determined by the Graduate Studies Committee).

Since ESP 5963 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 5963 with another graduate course in order to complete the five courses while in the PhD program. ¹

Courses must be selected from each of the following list:

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Note(s)

¹ Additional courses may be required, depending on the student’s background and preparation.

Liste des cours optionnels

| ESP 5301 | Special Topics in Hispanic Literary Studies | 3 Units |
| ESP 5912 | Aspects of Spanish Literature I | 3 Units |
| ESP 5914 | Aspects of Spanish Literature II | 3 Units |
| ESP 5918 | Aspects of Spanish Literature III | 3 Units |
| ESP 5920 | Aspects of Spanish Literature IV | 3 Units |
| ESP 5922 | Aspects of Spanish-American Literature I | 3 Units |
| ESP 5924 | Aspects of Spanish-American Literature II | 3 Units |
| ESP 5930 | Aspects of Spanish-American Literature III | 3 Units |
| ESP 5932 | Aspects of Spanish-American Literature IV | 3 Units |
| ESP 5934 | Aspects of Hispanic Literature I | 3 Units |
| ESP 5947 | Aspects of Hispanic Linguistic I | 3 Units |
| ESP 5948 | Aspects of Hispanic Linguistics II | 3 Units |
| ESP 5949 | Aspects of Hispanic Linguistics III | 3 Units |
| ESP 5950 | Aspects of Hispanic Linguistics IV | 3 Units |
| ESP 5957 | Aspects of the Theory of Literature I | 3 Units |
| ESP 7901 | Aspects of Spanish Literature V | 3 Units |
| ESP 7902 | Aspects of Hispanic Literature II | 3 Units |
| ESP 7903 | Aspects of Spanish-American Literature V | 3 Units |
| ESP 7905 | Aspects of Hispanic Linguistics | 3 Units |
| ESP 7916 | Research Seminar in Hispanic Literatures | 3 Units |
| LIN 5303 | Sociolinguistics I | 3 Units |
| LIN 5315 | Phonology I | 3 Units |
| LIN 5317 | Syntax I | 3 Units |

Comprehensive Examination
The comprehensive examination (ESP 9998) includes a written and an oral component, must be completed within 18 months of initial enrollment in the program. Its purpose is to test the candidates' mastery of their field as well as their knowledge of their research topic.

PhD Thesis
Students must complete the PhD Thesis (THD 9999). Upon admission, students will be assigned a professor in their area of interest who will act as their academic advisor and will normally become their thesis director. The thesis topic will be determined by the student in consultation with the thesis director and will be related to the latter's area of expertise. Shortly after successfully completing the comprehensive examination, the student must submit a thesis project for the approval of the thesis committee.

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 general 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
• Centre de recherche en civilisation canadienne-française (http://arts.uottawa.ca/crccf/),
• Institute of Indigenous Research and Studies (http://arts.uottawa.ca/canada/en/),
• Institute for Science, Society and Policy (http://issp.uottawa.ca/en/),
• Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute (OLBI) (http://olbi.uottawa.ca/)
• Morisset Library (http://biblio.uottawa.ca/en/morisset-library/).

For more information, refer to the list of faculty members and their research fields on Uniweb (https://uniweb.uottawa.ca/#!arts/themes).

Courses
Courses offered in a given year are listed in the Student Handbook (available at the Department). All courses listed, with the exception of ESP 7997, THM 7999, ESP 9998 and THD 9999, are worth three units. They normally require 30 hours of class time and last one term.

ESP 5301 Special Topics in Hispanic Literary Studies (3 units)
Topic and methodology will vary from year to year. Course may be repeated if theme is different.
Course Component: Seminar

ESP 5311 Special Topics in Hispanic Linguistics (3 units)
Topic and methodology will vary from year to year. Course may be repeated if theme is different.
Course Component: Seminar

ESP 5701 Thèmes spéciaux en Études littéraires hispaniques (3 crédits)
Les thèmes peuvent varier d’une année à l’autre. Le cours peut être répété si le thème est différent
Volet : Séminaire

ESP 5711 Thèmes spéciaux en Études linguistiques hispaniques (3 crédits)
Les thèmes peuvent varier d’une année à l’autre. Le cours peut être répété si le thème est différent.
Volet : Séminaire

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

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- **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:** Recherche / Research

- **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 9998 Examen de synthèse / Comprehensive Examination**
  **Volet / Course Component:** Recherche / Research

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