

MA IN HISPANIC STUDIES

Graduate courses in Spanish and Latin-American literature in Loyola's Department of Modern Languages and Literatures are designed for students who seek increased language proficiency, an in-depth interpretation of literature and culture, linguistics, and related research skills.

Courses cover a wide range of topics. As a student in the program, you'll have the opportunity to explore the language and literature through a variety of critical approaches. The degree is especially attractive to people interested in teaching at all levels, to teachers seeking professional advancement, and to those who plan to continue their studies in a PhD program. The MA in Hispanic Studies is also attractive to anyone interested in working in translation, interpretation, and social services with people of Latino or Hispanic origin in the U.S. or abroad.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The degree offers part- and full-time enrollment

Average time to completion: 2–3 years

Our courses are conducted on both day and evening schedules.

You will complete your degree through ten regular courses and a two-part comprehensive examination based on the courses you take and the graduate reading list. The comprehensive examination consists of a 3-hour written exam and a 1-hour oral exam. A second option requires that you complete nine regular courses as well as a master's thesis and an oral defense.

INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Students attend department-sponsored lectures and symposia featuring outstanding writers and scholars. Previous visiting and noteworthy lecturers include:

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| • Jorge Luis Borges, Argentina | • Rosario Ferré, Puerto Rico | • Luis Rafael Sánchez, Puerto Rico |
| • Sandra Cisneros, USA | • Carlos Fuentes, Mexico | • Manuel Vincent, Spain |
| • Lidia Falcón, Spain | • Carmen Martín Gaité, Spain | • José Manuel Prieto, Cuba |

Graduate students are also invited to departmental functions, including faculty seminars on contemporary literary theory, Hispanic authors, and more. Chicago itself offers many educational and research opportunities, as well as extraordinary cultural and recreational resources—the Newberry Library and the Cervantes Institute are two prime examples.

EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

After you graduate, you will be prepared to pursue a career in teaching, translation and interpretation, diplomacy, foreign service, social work, journalistic writing, editing, international business, and more. You will also have a strong foundation for entering a doctoral program, if that is a part of your career plan.

Career services are available; learn more at [LUC.edu/career](https://luc.edu/career).

PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

The MA in Hispanic Studies is a highly personalized degree program. You'll participate in traditional lecture/discussion courses as well as smaller graduate seminars that promote in-depth study and conversation. Students are also able to explore their individual interests through directed reading and research studies and choose relevant electives from other departments.

STUDENT LIFE

You will have the opportunity to participate in a 4-week summer program in Córdoba, Spain, at Universidad Loyola Andalucía, by taking classes or by completing an internship as assistant to the on-site faculty director of the summer study abroad program for undergraduates. Other options for taking one or two graduate-level courses in programs in Spain or Latin America also exist, such as the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City.

FACULTY

Faculty members have a strong presence in advising and supporting students through the completion of their degrees. Each student is assigned a faculty advisor. In coordination with the Graduate Program Director, students and advisors work closely together in order to ensure that students understand the requirements of the program. Faculty members also advise students in areas of professional development.

FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov.

The Graduate School has limited funds available for financial assistance. Financial aid from Loyola's Financial Aid Office will not impact your ability to apply for financial aid through the Graduate School. To learn more about these financial aid opportunities, visit LUC.edu/finaid/graduateschool.

LEARN MORE

APPLY

gpem.LUC.edu/apply

For all application requirements and deadlines, please visit LUC.edu/gpem/info.

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