

Masters Course Load

Modern Languages and Literatures: Spanish

Students enrolled fulltime in the Spanish graduate program take two or three courses each semester. All Graduate and Teaching Assistants should plan to maintain fulltime enrollment while completing their degree. Part-time students may take one or two classes per semester.

Students must remain enrolled in the graduate program each consecutive semester, not including summer sessions. If a student wishes to take a leave of absence from the program, he or she must follow the appropriate steps set up by the Graduate School for this purpose. Once the student wishes to enroll again, he or she must follow the guidelines to be reinstated as an active student.

In order to complete the required 30 hours of the graduate program, fulltime students will normally have the following course load:

Semester I:	two courses	two SPAN graduate seminars
Semester II:	three courses	two SPAN graduate seminars + another approved course
Semester III:	three courses	two SPAN graduate seminars + another approved course
Semester IV:	two courses	two SPAN graduate seminars or one SPAN grad seminar + thesis research

When possible, students may also complete coursework during the summer sessions:

Semester I:	two courses	two SPAN graduate seminars
Semester II:	three courses	two SPAN graduate seminars + another approved course
Summer:	one course	one SPAN graduate seminar or an approved course
Semester III:	three courses	two SPAN graduate seminars + another approved course
Semester IV:	two courses	two SPAN graduate seminars or one SPAN grad seminar + thesis research

Comprehensive exams (written and oral) and the defense of the Research Masters Thesis normally occur during the final semester of enrollment in the graduate program.