

# PORTUGUESE AND SPANISH, MA

## ADMISSIONS

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Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	January 5
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not exclusively in English, must provide an English proficiency test score earned within two years of the anticipated term of enrollment. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/</a> ).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

### APPLICATION DETAILS

Applicants must have an undergraduate major in Portuguese at UW-Madison or its equivalent.

Applicants with a bachelor of arts (BA) in Portuguese must have an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale), and a GPA in Portuguese courses of at least 3.25. Exceptions to these requirements may be made by the admissions committee.

Applicants will be asked to supply supplementary information regarding courses taken previously, experience abroad, scope of readings in Portuguese and Brazilian literatures, and preparation in linguistics.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Applicants must upload the following materials to the online application:

- Unofficial transcripts;
  - Certified copies of English translations should accompany all non-English transcripts;
- Reason for Graduate Study/Statement of Purpose: What are your reasons for graduate study? Please describe your current degree goals and your reasons for selecting your program(s). Your statement can be either in English or Portuguese. It should not exceed three single-spaced pages, or the equivalent when double-spaced.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation (recommenders to submit on applicant's behalf;
- International degree-seeking applicants must prove English proficiency using the Graduate School's requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>).

### LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Admitted applicants will take an examination for written proficiency in Portuguese. An unsatisfactory performance on the Portuguese proficiency exam, as determined by the examiners, will require the applicant to take PORTUG 311 Fourth Year Composition and Conversation. Student who receive a grade of less than A in PORTUG 311 Fourth Year Composition and Conversation will be required to take PORTUG 312 Fourth Year Composition and Conversation. Admitted applicants who are not native speakers of Portuguese will take an examination for oral proficiency.

Admitted applicants will also be required to demonstrate proficiency in Spanish by the end of their first year of MA coursework. By the start of the second year of the MA, admitted applicants should present a knowledge of Spanish that is the equivalent of SPANISH 311 or above. This requirement may be met by the presentation of undergraduate coursework completed in Spanish or by the completion of SPANISH 311 with a grade of B or higher during the first year in the MA program in Portuguese and Spanish.