

PORTUGUESE AND SPANISH, MA

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement	31 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	24 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	16 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).

Other Grade Requirements No other grade requirements.

Assessments and Examinations Students shall submit a research portfolio consisting of three term papers from graduate courses in this program. Two of the term papers must be from a Portuguese class and one must be from a Spanish class. Students submitting portfolios shall be allowed, but not required, to include in their portfolio a brief statement (approximately 1,000 words) explaining their anticipated doctoral research agenda. Each term paper included in the portfolio shall represent a different curricular area. Before submitting their portfolio pieces, students shall revise them in accordance with the corrections and comments provided by their course professors during the initial evaluation of those materials. Students shall submit their portfolio by March 1, and the portfolio review committee shall bring their recommendations to the Departmental Committee or the Executive Committee, as appropriate, for discussion and final decision at the committee's March meeting.

Language Requirements No language requirements beyond English, Spanish and Portuguese. All students will take an examination for written proficiency in Portuguese. Candidates who are not native speakers of Portuguese will take an examination for oral proficiency. Students 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, students should present a knowledge of Spanish that is the equivalent of SPANISH 311 or above.

REQUIRED COURSES

The program in Portuguese & Spanish in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese is based on a series of core courses designed to give the student a broad knowledge of Portuguese, Brazilian, and Lusophone African literary currents. Specific course requirements are as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
PORTUG 899 ¹		1
15 credits, in the form of five 3-credit core courses		15
Electives		15
Six credits must be seminar courses or in Portuguese classes (PORTUG) numbered 600 or above. ²		
Six credits must be taken in graduate-level courses taught in Spanish (SPANISH).		
Total Credits		31

¹ Students are required to take PORTUG 899 as a 1-credit proseminar.

² The seminars are PORTUG 751 Seminar: Brazilian Literature and PORTUG 772 Seminar: Portuguese Literature. Students are strongly advised not to take a seminar in an area in which they have no previous preparation. Exceptions by consent of instructor.

Core Courses

The following are core courses, designed especially for beginning graduate students:

Code	Title	Credits
PORTUG 330	History of the Portuguese Language	3
PORTUG 361	Portuguese Civilization	3
PORTUG 362	Brazilian Civilization	3

PORTUG 411	Survey of Portuguese Literature before 1825	3
PORTUG 412	Survey of Brazilian Literature before 1890	3
PORTUG/ AFRICAN 451	Lusophone African Literature	3
PORTUG 467	Survey of Portuguese Literature since 1825	3
PORTUG 468	Survey of Brazilian Literature since 1890	3