Romance Languages (M.A.)

Admission Requirements

Admission to this program is contingent upon admission to the Graduate School (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/admission). In addition, the Graduate Record Examination is strongly recommended, and three letters of recommendation are required of all applicants to the M.A. and Ph.D. programs.

The master's degree is offered by this department under the following options:

Plan A: Twenty-four credits in course work, plus an eight-credit thesis.

Plan B: Twenty-nine credits in course work, plus a three-credit essay.

Plan C: Thirty-two to thirty-three credits in course work depending on the Plan of Work.

Under all Plans, the Graduate School requires a minimum of six credits at the 7000 level or above.

Students envisaging a teaching career on the college level or intending to continue to the doctoral degree may elect either Plans A, B, or C — Literature. At present, Plan C — Literature is available only in French, and Plan C — Language and Culture, is available only in French and Spanish.

Academic Scholarship: All course work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Graduate School (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/academic-regulations) and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/college-liberal-arts-sciences/academic-regulations).

French (M.A. Concentration)

Under Plans A and B: Candidates are required to take FRE 6400. No more than four credits in course work on the 5000 level may be counted toward the degree. With the consent of the candidate’s advisor, up to six credits may be elected in related fields. At least five weeks prior to the time the degree is to be granted, candidates must pass a comprehensive oral examination based on the French area reading list for the Master of Arts degree.

Under Plan C — Literature: Candidates are required to take FRE 6400. No more than four credits in course work on the 5000 level may be counted toward the degree and course work must include two graduate seminars. With the consent of the candidate’s advisor, up to six credits may be elected in related fields. No essay is required for Plan C Literature. Candidates for the degree must, upon completion of their course work, take a comprehensive written and oral examination based on the French area reading list for the Master of Arts Degree.

Under Plan C — Language and Culture: Candidates are required to take FRE 5100, FRE 5200, FRE 6400, and FRE 6450; however, any part of this requirement may be waived by the graduate advisor if he/she judges it has been properly satisfied in previous study. A minimum of twelve credits of French literature in courses on the 6000 level or higher is also required, one of which must be a seminar. With the consent of the candidate’s advisor, up to six credits may be elected in related fields. On completion of their course work, candidates will be required to demonstrate a superior command of written and oral French. A final written and oral examination will be given to test their knowledge of French language and culture and those aspects of French literature in which they have had course work.

Italian (M.A. Concentration)

Under Plans A and B: At least five weeks prior to the time the degree is to be granted, candidates must pass a comprehensive oral examination based on course work and the Italian area reading list.

Spanish (M.A. Concentration)

Under Plans A and B: Candidates are required to take course work in the areas of linguistics, Peninsular Spanish literature, and Spanish American literature. Candidates are required to write a comprehensive examination as specified in the Graduate Handbook for Students and Faculty of the Department of Classical and Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, based on the Spanish area reading list for the Master of Arts degree. No oral examination is required.

Under Plan C — Language and Culture: Candidates are required to take a minimum of thirty-three credits in course work. They must elect SPA 5550 and SPA 5560 and a minimum of nine credits from SPA 5200, SPA 5300, SPA 6400 and SPA 7510. In addition, a minimum of twelve credits in Hispanic literature at the 6000 level or above is required. At least one of these courses must be in Spanish American literature and one in Spanish peninsular literature. With consent of the graduate advisor, students may elect up to six graduate credits in related areas. Upon completion of their course work, candidates are required to write an examination covering Spanish language and linguistics, Hispanic culture and Hispanic literature, as specified in the Graduate Handbook for Students and Faculty of the Department of Classical and Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. No oral examination is required.