



Department of World Languages

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The Spanish Section of the Department of World Languages supports a broad, intellectually-driven approach to teaching language, culture, and literature in higher education. Languages and cultures are complex, multifunctional phenomena that link an individual to other individuals, to communities, and to national cultures. The Graduate Program in Spanish offers students academic and practical training in the languages, literatures, and cultures of the Spanish-speaking communities of Spain, Latin America, and the United States. Students who receive a Masters of Arts in Spanish from the Department of World Languages at USF become well-educated communicators with translingual and transcultural competence. Thus, they are well prepared to continue studies leading to the PhD or pursue careers in related fields such as teaching, translation, government and civic service agencies, legal and paralegal services, or foreign and domestic business enterprises.

Students are required to meet the admission requirements of both the USF Graduate School and the MA Program in Spanish. For additional information concerning the admission to the USF Graduate School, please visit <http://www.grad.usf.edu>.

The requirements for acceptance into the Spanish MA Program are:

- - Application for admission to USF (<https://secure.vzcollegeapp.com/usf/>)
  - BA Degree from an accredited US University with a 3.0 GPA or above (4.0 scale).
- - Three (3) letters of recommendation.
  - A statement of purpose, written in Spanish, of three (3) pages in length.
  - An oral interview in Spanish. Applicants are expected to be proficient in the language and must be able to understand, speak, read, and write standard Spanish.
- who do not have a BA from the United States must show proof of a comparable degree from an international university. In order to be considered official, all transcripts submitted must be translated and certified by an approved agency. Have your transcripts and translations sent to: University of South Florida. Office of Admissions. 4202 East Fowler Avenue. SVC 1036. Tampa, FL 33620.
- , or those who do not have BA from an accredited institution in the United States, must take the TOEFL ([www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl)) and score at least 79 (internet-based test), 213 (computer-based test), or 550 (paper-based test) in order to be admitted to the Program. Those students who wish to be considered for a Teaching Assistantship must also show a score of at least 26 in the speaking portion of the exam. Students who score 20-25 in the speaking portion may also be considered, provided they take an additional course. For the TOEFL, please use code 5828 for the University of South Florida.

Fall  
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February 15<sup>th</sup>  
October 15<sup>th</sup>

Program

of the faculty in addition to their regularly assigned courses; the decision to honor requests for independent study is entirely at the discretion of a particular faculty member.

A grade of C- or lower does not count for graduate coursework. The minimum grade a student must obtain is a C for the graduate coursework to count. However, all students, and especially those with a Teaching Assistantship, must maintain a B average (3.00) at all times. Failure to do so will place a student in probation (P1). At that point the student may continue in the Program and be employed as

