Hispanic and Classical Studies

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Degrees Offered: B.A. and M.A. in Spanish, B.A. only in classics

Studies are available in Classics, Greek, Latin, Portuguese, and Spanish. For information on the B.A. degree in Classics, see Classics (pages 133–134). Undergraduate majors in Hispanic studies select one of four options: literature, linguistics, translation, or Latin American studies. Qualified students may undertake independent work.

Degree Requirements for B.A. in Hispanic Studies

Students majoring in Hispanic studies must complete at least 30 semester hours in upper-level courses (300 or 400 level); a double major must complete at least 24 semester hours in such courses. Requirements for the major differ according to the options selected. Majors should read the “Options for Spanish Majors” (available in department office) and consult with the undergraduate adviser regarding specific course prerequisites, requirements, and recommended sequence. The department must approve all major programs of study. At least half of the courses for the major must be taken at Rice University.

Degree Requirements for M.A. in Hispanic Studies

For general university requirements, see Graduate Degrees (pages 62–67). For the M.A. degree, candidates must:

• Complete with high standing an approved program that normally includes 24 semester hours in advanced courses, plus 6 hours of thesis work
Pass a reading examination in one foreign language (other than Spanish) that has been approved by the department.
Perform satisfactorily on a written comprehensive examination in Spanish, which tests students’ competence in Hispanic literature and linguistics.
Take 1 semester of college Latin (or equivalent).
Take SPAN 507 Teaching College Spanish.
Complete an acceptable thesis.
Perform satisfactorily on a final oral examination on the thesis.

See PORT and SPAN in the Courses of Instruction section.