DEGREES OFFERED:

SPANISH. Master of Arts, Doctor of Philosophy
SPANISH-PORTUGUESE. Doctor of Philosophy
PORTUGUESE. Master of Arts
INTER-AMERICAN LITERATURE. Doctor of Philosophy

THE M.A. programs in Spanish and in Portuguese each require 30 hours of course work. A reading knowledge of another foreign language is also required. (Credit for basic language courses taken do not count toward the degree. For Portuguese M.A. students, the required language is Spanish. For Spanish M.A. students, the recommended language is Portuguese. Students with a special academic interest in another language should request in writing approval from the director of graduate studies before enrolling in any language other than Portuguese.) A 45-hour double M.A. program is also available, in which a 30-hour M.A. in either Spanish or Portuguese is complemented with 15 additional hours of course work in the other field for the conferment of the second M.A. (No additional foreign language is required.)

The Ph.D. program in Spanish requires 60 hours of course work, which includes the 30 hours of the M.A. in Spanish and 9 hours for a minor, which may be Portuguese, a certificate program in Latin American studies, an interdisciplinary minor in philosophy and literature, or another approved program of courses from one or more departments. Candidates must demonstrate either a reading knowledge of an additional foreign language beyond the one required for the M.A. (which will normally have been Portuguese) or they may continue in the study of Portuguese (or another approved language) to an advanced level.

The combined Ph.D. in Spanish and Portuguese requires 66 hours of course work, which includes the 45 hours of the double M.A. described above and at least 9 additional hours in each of the two areas. No minor is necessary. Near-native proficiency in both Spanish and Portuguese is required of all students enrolled in the combined program. There is no additional language requirement.

The Ph.D. in Inter-American Literature offers our doctoral students unique preparation to become teachers and scholars of Inter-American language and literature. Core to this new track within the Department of Spanish Portuguese is the development of both comparative linguistics and comparative literary studies. This track requires a minimum of 72 credits of formal course work in the following areas: Spanish (at least 30 credits), Portuguese (at least 21 credits), and 21 credits in one of a number of related fields such as English (American Literature), French (Canadian and Caribbean), and Latin American Studies (cultural anthropology). It also requires that students maintain a cumulative grade point average of B+ or better to remain in good standing. The program is designed to allow students to satisfy the requirements for the Ph.D. within 6 years. Person to contact is Professor Earl Fitz at earl.e.fitz@vanderbilt.edu.
Additional information about these degrees can be found at:
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