

**Department of Spanish and Portuguese
Foreign Language Requirement**

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It is a necessary academic requirement that all Ph.D. candidates in Hispanic Literature and all M.A. candidates in Hispanic Linguistics demonstrate "reading knowledge" of a natural language other than Spanish and English, preferably a Romance language (otherwise, a language that has a direct bearing on the candidate's research and/or studies). The level of proficiency expected is that of passing an advanced 300-level grammar and writing course with a grade of B or higher.

This language requirement must be met by the candidate BEFORE--and as a condition towards--taking the written Comprehensive Exams.

The foreign language requirement may be met in one of the following ways:

1. For students who complete the requirement at the University of Arizona: Successful completion of coursework to the advanced level in a language other than English or Spanish, with an average grade of B or higher. The coursework must include a 300-level intermediate/advanced grammar course taught and examined in the target language (typically xxxx-325 or 305, depending on the department).*
2. For students with coursework in a language other than English or Spanish from an accredited institution: The student will meet with the Graduate Advisor to determine whether or not the coursework satisfies the foreign language requirement. The Graduate Advisor may require, at his/her discretion, that the student take additional coursework and/or pass a proficiency exam in the language of choice. The format and content of the exam will be determined in conjunction with the Graduate Advisor and a qualified instructor of the chosen language.
3. Students who are native speakers of a language other than English and Spanish may have this requirement waived with the approval of the Graduate Advisor.

***Note:** Students that enter the Ph.D. program in Hispanic Literature or the M.A. program in Hispanic Linguistics without any formal instruction in a language other than English or Spanish may complete the foreign language requirement in two semesters if they choose to study Portuguese. In this case, the student must complete the following courses with an average grade of B or higher:

PORT-305: Portuguese for Spanish Speakers
PORT-325: Intermediate Grammar and Conversation

PORT-305 and PORT-325 reflect the minimum coursework required to complete the foreign language requirement. An exam or term paper may NOT be used in lieu of one of these courses. However, the student may substitute a 400- or 500-level Portuguese course for PORT-325 with the permission of the Portuguese faculty and the Graduate Advisor.

The foreign language requirement as stated above is effective immediately for all students enrolled in the Ph.D. program in Hispanic Literature.

The foreign language requirement as stated above will be in effect for all students who enroll in the M.A. program in Hispanic Linguistics in January 2003 or later.