

SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE PHD

Degree Requirements

The following requirements are in addition to, or further elaborate upon, those requirements outlined in The Graduate School Policy Guide (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/>).

Master's

The department does not admit students for the MA degree, but will award the MA to a PhD candidate if deemed in the student's best interest.

Terminal MA

In some cases, students may be advised by the end of winter quarter of their second year that they should complete a terminal MA rather than continue on to the PhD degree. The requirements must be completed by the end of the second year. They are:

- Language proficiency in Portuguese and Spanish
- Minimum of 12 credits including at least 3 courses at the 400-level or above
- A 20 to 30-page paper to be evaluated by the Graduate Studies Committee
- Funding ends immediately upon recommendation for the terminal MA. The master's thesis must be completed by the end of the spring quarter with a minimum of 3.0 GPA

PhD

Total Units Required: 19

Course Work and Academics

Course	Title
First Year	
Summer Language Training Advised	
Fall	
Two SPANPORT courses	
One elective	
Second language diagnostic exam	
Winter	
Two SPANPORT courses	
One elective	
Second language training, if applicable	
Spring	
Two SPANPORT courses	
One elective	
Second language training, if applicable	
English language exam, if applicable	
Summer	
Study/research abroad	
Second Year	
Fall	
Two SPANPORT courses	
One elective	
Coursework or independent study	
Winter	
Two SPANPORT courses	
One elective	
Course work or independent study	

Spring

Two SPANPORT courses

Proposal and PhD reading lists due by June 15

Third Year

October 15th: QUALIFYING EXAM

December 1st: Prospectus due to committee, including rationale for reading list

Research

Fourth Year

Writing

Fifth Year

Dissertation defense

Teaching

Course	Title
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First Year

Fall

Fellowship

Winter

Fellowship

Spring

Fellowship

Second Year

Fall

Apprentice year

Mini-lesson plan or Teaching assistantship

Winter

Apprentice year

Mini-lesson plan or Teaching assistantship

Spring

Apprentice year

Mini-lesson plan or Teaching assistantship

Third Year

Research or Teaching assistantship

Fourth Year

Teach Language Course Sequence

Fifth Year

Fellowship year