
MASTER OF ARTS IN HISPANIC STUDIES PROGRAM HANDBOOK

Welcome

Purpose of the handbook

The purpose of this handbook is to provide program specific information that is not found in the UNLV Graduate Catalog. Students are responsible for understanding and following the policies and procedures outlined in this document as well as those in the UNLV Graduate Catalog, the NSHE Code, UNLV Bylaws, and the UNLV Student Conduct Code. Questions about policies should be directed to the Graduate College: Valarie Burke at valarie.burke@unlv.edu or gradassociatedean@unlv.edu

Benefits of pursuing a Master in Hispanic Studies at UNLV

The M.A. in Hispanic Studies is flexible, allowing students to concentrate on culture, linguistics, literature or translation. The program aims to meet the needs of students interested in a wide variety of professions. Students in the program enjoy the personal attention that comes from small classes and a dedicated faculty who are specialized in a wide variety of areas. Classes are conveniently scheduled to meet the needs of students who work.

An M.A. in Hispanic Studies:

- x Foster the study of culture, language, literature, and linguistics together.
- x Provides further development in Spanish language skills including translation and fields, such as law, medicine, translation, business and government, and for the teaching of Spanish.
- x Allows you to experience Las Vegas as you build local and global relationships.
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Mission Statement

literary tendencies, critical theories, and writers from different historical periods, with a variety of topics relating to Hispanic culture and Spanish linguistics. Our graduates will experience intellectual growth and an increased awareness of international realities. The benefits offered through the program will assist them in pursuing a variety of work opportunities, in entering more advanced university or professional study, and in appreciating the

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and mentoring students through this program of graduate studies.

Kinds of job you can get

An M.A in Hispanic Studies allows you to choose from many different career paths:

- x . TV stations, radio stations, webpages, journals
- x . All levels of government need an increasing number of Spanish speaking employees.
- x . Understanding other cultures and languages is crucial for work in an embassy or in other diplomatic roles.
- x . Hospitals, clinics, D Q G G R F W R U V · R I - I n f o r m e d S p a n i s h G F X O W X U D speakers.
- x . These services are needed in a range of settings, including business, government, health industry, law, hospitality, publishing.
- x . Whether you run a hotel or work in one or in a travel agency, or even if you go on holidays this degree will be beneficial to you.
- x . Spanish language media needs individuals to create and publish content in official pages, blogs, and documents
- x . To teach Spanish or to teach other subjects in Spanish.
- x . Dubbing for the movie industry, cultural readers, creative work, and more.

Program Information

[Master of Arts in Hispanic Studies](#)

Admission Requirements

[Program requirements regarding admission are found in the graduate catalog](#)

Entry exam

GMAT or GRE are not required. We do have a free pre-qualifying exam, in which you will be asked to write a short piece in Spanish and to read a text and answer a few questions about the reading.

Financial help

The Graduate College page hosts [financial](#) information. To learn more about Graduate Assistantships and other financial options, contact Dr. Alicia Alicia@unlv.edu

Department Graduate Faculty

A current listing of the graduate faculty can be found in the UNLV Graduate Catalog. For date information regarding graduate faculty status in your department, [visit the Faculty status web page](#)

Contact Information

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Application to Graduate School

The Graduate College provides a lot of information about all processes in different webpages. You can start [here](#)

Degree Program Benchmarks

- x In consultation with the graduate coordinator, students will choose for their Masters examination three of the following six areas of concentration: Peninsular culture, Latin American culture, linguistics, Peninsular literature, Latin American literature, and interpretation. A student will choose faculty members by their area of specialization. The committee must be comprised of three different faculty members. Once these areas are chosen, they may not be changed.
- x The exam will be based on the courses taken as well as on a supplementary reading list for each area available in the department. Although material covered in courses taken may appear on the exam, the reading list will be emphasized. The exam will include three ninety-minute sections drafted by the examination committee. Exams will be written in Spanish with the exception of translation. Grammatical accuracy will also be a graded component of the exam.
- x After passing all three parts of the written exam, students will take an oral examination covering the selected areas. Students who do not pass a part of the exam will receive an F and be placed on probation (as required by the Graduate College) and allowed to retake the failed part(s) only once in the following semester or within the timeframe set by the Advisory Committee, provided that overall time to degree established by the Graduate College (7 KH & RP PL WWH & KDLU ZLOO VSH and Probation M-Hé & X O P L Q D time period when the student has to retake exam) 70.1 Tm 0 g 0 G 0.012 Tc[(89154)] TJ ET Q

University Resources

[The Graduate Academy: Innovative Leadership, Professional, and Career Development](#)

The goal of the Graduate Academy is to serve as a virtual resource providing support and many professional opportunities to UNLV graduate students. The Academy offers information about events and services such as graduate certificate programs, workshops, training sessions and services. You can follow Academy activities via social media or look for regular updates on the website.

Academic Success Center

The goal of the [Academic Success Center](#) is to help students do well academically and complete their studies on time. They offer or will refer you to such programs and resources as tutoring, advising, skills testing, career exploration and more. They guide students every step of the way to the many established resources created to ensure they complete their educational goals. Learn more about the programs and services the center currently offers.

Alumni Association

With an alumni base of 40,000 strong, the [UNLV Alumni Association](#) offers a variety of services and opportunities in support of alumni and their families. UNLV alumni are encouraged to support the values of higher learning through advocacy, involvement, and giving.

Commencement Office

Located in the UNLV Office of the Registrar, the [commencement office](#) is the last step in the graduation process. Please check with the commencement office for information on the commencement ceremony and your role. For all other information about graduate student degree completion and graduation, including thesis/dissertation requirements and doctoral hooding, please contact the Graduate College. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they apply for [graduation on time](#) and submit all required forms to the Graduate College. Questions regarding thesis/dissertation should be directed to the Graduate [College Services Team](#) and questions regarding required forms should be directed to the Graduate College.

Office of International Student and Scholars

[International Students and Scholars \(ISS\)](#) ensures compliance with both SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) and federal law, so that the university can continue to be authorized by the U.S. federal government to enroll international students; host and hire international scholars; assist and advise employment eligibility and authorization relating to international students and scholars, visa, travel, and immigration issues; provide critical and specialized services to the international students and scholars of the UNLV community; and facilitate their transition to the campus and the U.S.

The CareCenter

The [-HDQ 1LGHWFK :iRPHQV & JHOMHU](#) is committed to creating a supportive and inclusive environment for all genders through programming, services, and advocacy for the UNLV community. The Women's Center has informational resources, brochures, and flyers for a variety of on and off campus organizations to help empower and protect yourself, and learn about your options. They also provide free tampons, pads, and condoms.

The Intersection

[The Intersection](#) is a comprehensive multicultural center grounded in the academic life of our students. As an intersecting campus resource, the Intersection helps ensure students, particularly first-generation and students of color, successfully navigate their academic careers. Here, all members of campus can discuss their differences, discover their similarities, and build a shared sense of belonging.

UNLV Libraries

[UNLV Libraries](#) has always been more than books; they are about encouraging students and creating quality programs that elevate growth and learning. Please visit their website for important information about the services they offer to graduate students.

Graduate & Professional Student Association (GPSA)

The [Graduate & Professional Student Association](#) serves all currently enrolled University of Nevada, Las Vegas graduate and professional students. The GPSA maintains the Graduate Student Commons located in the Lied Library room 2nd Gateway Building PDAC Room. The facility a working office equipped with a copier, fax, flatbed scanners, color laser printer, office supplies, and computers with printers and a small kitchen. The GPSA is the graduate student governance body at UNLV; the GPSA Council consists of one graduate student representative from each graduate department, and they meet monthly. The GPSA also provides volunteer opportunities, sponsors social events, and supports graduate student research through the graduate research and travel grants program.

Office of Student Conduct

The [Office of Student Conduct](#) is a student-centered, service-oriented office located within the Division of Student Affairs. The Office of Student Conduct collaborates with the UNLV community to provide an inclusive environment through enforcement of the by:

- x Promoting awareness of student rights and responsibilities;
- x Establishing accountability for student choices;
- x Creating opportunities for involvement in the process; and

Box 451062, Las Vegas, NV, 89104, or in person at Frank and Estella Beam Hall (BEH),
Room 555.

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