The PhD program in Spanish offers courses in the literature of the Spanish-speaking world and Spanish linguistics. In the literature program, students may take courses in Spanish American or peninsular literature, culture, and cinema. The Department of Spanish and Portuguese also offers a creative track in literature for students who have graduated with an MFA in creative writing. In the Spanish linguistics program, students take courses in Spanish syntax, phonology, language acquisition, and sociolinguistics.

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

• demonstrate understanding and application of research methods and methodological knowledge;
• demonstrate understanding of and ability to analyze theoretical concepts and research in their field of study;
• express ideas effectively in professional academic settings in written and spoken communication in English and Spanish;
• continue to demonstrate knowledge and skills necessary to be effective teaching assistants for courses numbered 1000–1999 and beyond;
• plan, conduct, report on, and disseminate original research; and
• develop the critical research and writing skills necessary to publish peer-reviewed articles.