

Doctoral Program in Arts and Sciences

Hispanic Studies, Cooperative Ph.D.

The Department of Language and Literature offers a cooperative Ph.D. program in Hispanic Studies, through partnership with Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and Texas A&M International University. Graduates of the Hispanic Studies Ph.D. will have the single discipline competence needed to qualify for an academic appointment in Spanish, Hispanic Studies, or a related discipline, as well as the broadly based expertise in Hispanic Studies essential to hold leadership positions in government agencies, public service, educational institutions and foundations. The degree is awarded by Texas A&M University; however, much of the course work, research and graduate advising can be completed at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. All off-campus courses will be delivered through distance learning. Residence requirements for the doctoral program can be satisfied by completing two consecutive semesters (at a minimum of nine resident credit hours each) either at the College Station campus or through distance education courses originating from the College Station campus and available at all System campuses. Students admitted into the program will work under the direction of a Ph.D. committee composed of a chair (from College Station), a dissertation adviser (who may be from Kingsville) and three other committee members.

Entrance Requirements

Admission to the doctoral program will be predicated on several factors:

- a. a completed masters degree in Spanish or Hispanic Studies or in a related area, with a minimum grade point average of 3.2;
- b. demonstrated oral and written proficiency in Spanish;
- c. the Graduate Record Examination (GRE);
- d. at least three letters of recommendation;
- e. the student's goals and career interests as stated on the application form; and
- f. the availability of faculty members who are qualified to direct the student's program of study.

Admission will be consistent with House Bill 1641. Alternatively, students holding an appropriate baccalaureate degree (including a minimum of twelve hours in Spanish at the advanced undergraduate level) could be admitted to the program under the same criteria outlined above. These students will need to complete an additional 30 hours at the graduate level.

Students should apply directly to Texas A&M University. An admissions committee will consist of the Director of Hispanic Studies at College Station, three faculty from College Station and a faculty member from each of the other participating campuses.

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