Master of Arts in Spanish

The Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures offers a Master of Arts in Spanish. This unique program focuses on developing skills in the areas of language and culture of the Spanish speaking world.

Students in the program achieve a high level of proficiency in Spanish and become more deeply and personally acquainted with Hispanic cultures through their studies on campus and abroad. The program is accessible to those who already are employed and to nontraditional learners.

Degree Requirements

The Master of Arts in Spanish requires 30 hours of graduate credit:

- 21 - 27 credit hours of course work to be completed with CMU instructors
- 6 credit hours through one optional summer study-abroad program in Spain
- 3 credit hours through a comprehensive examination.

Course offerings vary each semester.

Credit values are listed in parentheses:

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After being accepted into the program, the student will write an essay (500 words on a topic chosen by the Spanish faculty) and will engage in a brief oral interview with Spanish faculty.

After course work is completed, the student must pass an interview in order to demonstrate oral proficiency. The three-credit Comprehensive Examination will be used to assess the student’s proficiency in reading texts and in writing in Spanish.

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Research Facilities

A computer classroom/library lab in the foreign languages department provides easy access to e-mail, the Internet, and word processing with spell check and thesaurus capabilities in several languages. It also features tutorial software emphasizing language skills such as pronunciation and culturally appropriate behavior.

Audio and visual laboratories also are housed in the foreign languages department. Campus-wide computer centers are also available to all students.

Park Library, with recently updated collection and increased access to electronic databases, provides state-of-the-art research facilities.

About Graduate Studies at CMU

Central Michigan University is a public, comprehensive higher education institution that is classified by The Carnegie Foundation as a Doctoral Research university. CMU has offers graduate degree programs in more than 70 fields at the master’s, specialist, and doctoral levels.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission, the student must meet the general requirements for admission to the Central Michigan University College of Graduate Studies. For regular admission, the student must have completed an undergraduate major in Spanish with a grade point average of at least 3.0 in all undergraduate Spanish courses beyond the 100 level. The student must have an overall grade point average of at least 2.7 in undergraduate course work.

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