

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese

Requirements for PhD in Spanish with specialization in Spanish Linguistics

Entrance Requirements

The doctoral program in Romance Linguistics accepts candidates with an M.A. in a Romance language or in Linguistics or equivalent. Students are expected to have a thorough knowledge of a Romance language and a good working command of at least a second Romance language and to have completed coursework in the following areas, as pertain to the languages of specialization:

1. Syntax
2. Morphology
3. Phonetics and Phonology
4. Historical Linguistics
5. Introduction to Comparative Romance Linguistics
6. Dialectology or Sociolinguistics

Students may be admitted to the Ph.D. program with deficiencies and may have to complete coursework in the areas listed above before beginning Ph.D. work that leads to the Ph.D. in Romance Linguistics. The hours of coursework accrued during this time period will not apply to the Ph.D. as described below.

Ph.D. coursework requirements

If a student has met the entrance requirements, the Ph.D. program in Romance Linguistics consists of a minimum of 32 graduate hours of coursework including RMLING 559 (Seminar in Romance Linguistics) and at least 16 hours of advanced Linguistics courses in the Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese.

The selection of courses must be made in consultation with the student's advisor.

Language Requirement

Students in this doctoral program are required to demonstrate reading competence in at least two Romance languages in addition to the main language of specialization. Competence may be demonstrated in a variety of ways (e.g., by examination, approved coursework in the language or in a related field of study) and each student should consult with her/his advisor concerning this requirement. Note: This requirement should be met before advancing to the Preliminary Examination stage.

PhD dissertation

The doctoral dissertation may examine any area of linguistics, as approved by the student's advisor, and must include comparative work on at least two Romance languages.