

## **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

### **Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese**

#### **Requirements for PhD in Spanish with specialization in Spanish Linguistics**

##### Entrance Requirements

Students pursuing the Ph.D. in Spanish with specialization in Spanish Linguistics are expected to have the equivalent of a Master's Degree in formal or applied linguistics with appropriate Master's level coursework in the following areas:

1. Syntax (in the language of specialization)
2. Phonology (in the language of specialization)
3. Morphology (in the language of specialization)
4. Historical linguistics or dialectology (in the language of specialization)
5. Introduction to Linguistic Analysis
6. Introduction to Second Language Acquisition Theory and Research

The Department recognizes that not all institutions offer courses in these areas at the Master's level. Therefore, 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 Spanish Linguistics. In such cases, the areas of deficiency will be specified in the offer of admission. The hours of coursework used to fulfill areas of deficiency 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 Hispanic Linguistics consists of a minimum of 32 hours of coursework to be distributed in the following manner:

- A. four (4) 500-level courses in an area of linguistics related to Spanish;
- B. other appropriate work in general linguistics, linguistic theory, or Romance Linguistics.

##### Language Requirement

In addition to coursework in linguistic studies, students in this doctoral program are required to demonstrate reading competence in at least two languages other than English and Spanish. 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.