M.A. in Hispanic Studies

Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures
Louisiana State University
The study of language, literature, and culture of Spanish-speaking peoples (including in the U.S.)

Three concentration areas to choose from:
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Cultural Studies

Coursework is concentrated in one of the three areas.

What is Hispanic Studies?
An interdisciplinary approach to understanding power relations in society through analysis of different types of cultural practices and “texts,” such as:

- music
- film
- photography
- literature
- subcultures
- etc.

What is Cultural Studies?
Linguistics entails a more scientific approach to language and is a diverse field with many distinct areas.

- Sociolinguistics – language in relation to society and culture
- Pragmatics – language use in situational or historical contexts
- Second Language Acquisition – how languages are learned
- Variation – differences in how language is used
- Phonetics – speech sounds

The field of linguistics
2 year full time program, part time option also
- 3 courses per semester (total of 36 credit hrs.)
- combination of graduate seminars (usually 10 students or less) and 4000 level courses
- exam or thesis option
- courses taken with Spanish professors as well as affiliated faculty in history, geography and anthropology, English, and political science

How the program works
Full time students are eligible for Graduate Assistantships that provide a tuition waiver and stipend.

- **1st year – Research Assistantship:** work with an individual professor + tutoring
- **2nd year – Teaching Assistantship:** teach one beginning level Spanish course each semester

Financial Aid
Our students have gone on to do the following:

- Doctoral study in various field such as linguistics, comparative literature, Spanish, geography, law
- College level teaching as instructors (mostly language classes)
- A variety of other careers such as primary or secondary level teaching, publishing, community organizing

What can I do with this degree?
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Questions?