MA in HISPANIC LANGUAGE AND LITERATURES

The M.A. in Hispanic Language and Literatures seeks to provide the student with a comprehensive knowledge of Spanish literature and Spanish American literature, and knowledge of the traditions, aims, and methods of scholarly research in those fields.

The requirements include:
• A sound command of written and spoken Spanish.
• A minimum of eight semester courses at the 500 level or above is required.
• Completion of the Curricular Practical Training (CPT) requirement

The program must be completed within a maximum of three years.

PhD IN HISPANIC LANGUAGE AND LITERATURES

The doctoral program seeks to provide students with thorough professional preparation in a selected field of study. It allows students to conduct original research and to acquire critical skills in evaluating and using research materials. It also gives them experience in the acquisition, interpretation and communication of knowledge.

The requirements include:
• A near-native command of written and spoken Spanish
• Eight courses on Hispanic literatures and cultural studies at the 500-level or above beyond those required for the M.A. degree, selected in consultation with the faculty advisor as per current guidelines
• Successful completion of the written Qualifying Examination sequence
• Successful completion and of the Oral Examination
• Successful completion and defense of the Doctoral Dissertation
• Completion of the Curricular Practical Training requirement
• Completion of appropriate coursework and training in pedagogy, as per departmental and GRS policies

Financial support:

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Romance Studies guarantee five full years (12 months each) of financial support for PhD students who maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress. This support will be in the form of Teaching Fellowships, Research Assistantships or Graduate Fellowships. All requirements for the doctorate, including dissertation, must be completed within seven years (exceptions require a petition to GRS). A leave of absence of up to two semesters is permitted for appropriate cause, but the leave period counts towards the seven-year time limit. Given these time constraints, students should work closely with their advisers and dissertation readers to devise an efficient schedule for meeting all benchmarks. Faculty and students share responsibility for adhering closely to this schedule.
Satisfactory Academic Progress:
The following achievements are required to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress:
- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Have no more than 2 failing grades (lower than B- or an incomplete grade older than 12 months)
- Pass qualifying exams and other milestones on the departmentally recommended schedule.

General Optimal Timetable to Completion:

Following is a general optimal timetable for the completion of the PhD*, based on post-BA entry.
- During the first year, all students must take and pass 8 approved courses.
- During the second year, students continue their coursework and complete the departmental pedagogy sequence.
- By the end of the third year, students must have completed the sequence of written Qualifying examinations.
- During the fall of the fourth year, students complete their Oral Examination.
- Student are expected to have an approved Dissertation prospectus by the end of the fourth year.
- Under GRS guidelines, students are allowed until the end of their seventh year to complete and defend their dissertations. Students who will not meet this deadline must file a petition for extension of time to complete PhD requirements.

Throughout their studies, all students are encouraged to apply for appropriate external fellowship and professional development opportunities, including existing departmental programs in Buenos Aires, Burgos, and Madrid.

* This schedule applies to students who began their first year at BU in September 2013 or later.