

Honors Program in Hispanic Language and Literatures

The Honors Program in Hispanic Language and Literatures requires 14 courses in all, to be completed with an average GPA of at least 3.7.

The honors program shares the following 11 course requirements with the current major:

- 1) one course in linguistics (CAS LX 250) or comparative literature (CAS XL 222, CAS HU 221). (Note that CAS CC 101 and 102 together may be substituted for one course in comparative literature.)
- 2) two language courses: CAS LS 303 and CAS LS 304 or 305. (Native speakers of Spanish take one course, CAS LS 309, and one additional Hispanic literature course at the 500 level.)
- 3) seven literature courses: CAS LS 350, LS 456; two from the following survey courses: CAS LS 454, 455, 457; three courses from the CAS LS 500-level literature courses (a minimum of one course must be selected from Spanish Peninsular literature and one in Spanish American literature). Students in the Boston University Madrid, Burgos, Lima, and Quito Study Abroad Programs may request approval from their advisor for one course taken in Spain, Ecuador, or Peru not in the field of literature in order to satisfy this part of the requirement.
- 4) linguistics: CAS LS 504

The Honors program would additionally require three electives, including any combination of the following:

- (a) At most one additional CAS LS 400-level course
- (b) Additional CAS LS 500-level courses
- (c) Honors research (for no more than two semesters)

Thus, honors students will take a total of 14 courses rather than the 11 required now for the major, including at least 2 advanced offerings (listed in b, c) that involve a serious research and writing component. The advanced courses at the 500-level are not technically "honors" courses, since they are open to other students as well, but they will tend to concentrate the honors students. Honors students may count courses taken abroad with the approval of their faculty advisor.

Procedure for applying for the honors program: A student may apply to the honors program no sooner than the end of sophomore year and no later than the beginning of the spring semester of junior year. For admission into the program, students must have completed at least 4 courses listed in (1-3). Qualifications for admission into the honors program include a GPA of least 3.65 in all CAS courses—and a minimum GPA of 3.7 in the set of courses satisfying requirements for the major—that the student has taken as of the time of application.

Plan for co-curricular activities: Meetings of Spanish honors students (and honors students in joint majors including Spanish) will take place several times each semester. Activities may include colloquia (for which we would request funding from the CAS to invite speakers) as well as presentations, question-and-answer sessions, and panel discussions with BU faculty. In addition, we will maintain an email list of honors students, and we will inform them of other Spanish events (both at BU and in the Boston area) that may be of interest.