

Graduate Program in Literature

Programs

The MA degree in Hispanic Literature provides students with a comprehensive overview of the fields of Hispanic literature and prepares the student to pursue work at the PhD level in Spanish or in other disciplines.

The PhD in Spanish prepares students for careers in university teaching and research through an integrated program of advanced course work and the preparation of a doctoral dissertation. Each program is flexible enough to provide for comprehensive coverage in the student's primary area while assuring ample coverage of the broad field of Hispanic literature.

Academic Life

Academic life in the Department is vibrant. Periodic appointments of visiting scholars and writers in residence, distinguished speakers, conferences and colloquia nourish in intellects of faculty and students and provide for stimulating interchanges of ideas. Among those to visit recently are Iciar Bollaín, -as writer in residence- Debra Castillo, Francisco Marcos Marín, John Lipski, David Herzberger, Tey Diana Rebolledo, Edward Friedman, Carol Klee and Guadalupe Valdés. Recent Conferences sponsored or hosted by the Department include: Hispanic Cultural Studies: The State of the Art, Portuguese for Spanish Speakers: Acquisition and Teaching and the MPA Latin American Film Tour. The Department is also one of the sponsors of the Jornadas Metropolitanas de Estudios Culturales held annually in Mexico City. Graduate students in the Department organize the Annual Symposium on Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Language, Literature and Culture and publish the Selected Proceedings of the Symposium on Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Language, Literature and Culture. The Department is also home to the Arizona Journal of Hispanic Cultural Studies and the Journal of Latin American Popular Culture and the new graduate student e-journal *Divergencias*. Students have the opportunity to gain valuable experience working on the graduate student journal and the conference or through appointment to an editorial position on the AJHCS or SLAPC.

The University of Arizona

The University of Arizona is an AAU Research-1 University with an enrollment of 35,000 and a faculty and staff of 12,000. The University library system contains more than nine million items, including more than four million books and ranks among the top twenty research libraries in the country. The library holdings include extensive collections in Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian literature, linguistics and history as well as a wide range of original and microfilmed manuscripts and documents dealing with the Southwest US.

Campus Life

The campus offers an environment that nourishes and enriches the lives of graduate students and strengthens their intellectual development. The

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Department collaborates actively with the Center for Latin American Studies whose designation as a Title VI National Resource Center provides substantial resources for graduate students. Some important cultural dimensions on campus include the Poetry Center and the The Center for Creative Photography which houses the archives of world-renowned photographers. Major art collections are housed in the University of Arizona Museum of Art. A wide variety of dance, theater and music is presented throughout the year by the departments of the College of Fine Arts.