

FOREIGN LANGUAGES, MA

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The Master of Arts in Foreign Languages aims to enhance the linguistic and cultural proficiency of students through courses in sociolinguistics and second language acquisition, film studies, cultural studies and literary studies. Students may select from four concentrations: French, Spanish, French and Spanish, and Spanish/bilingual-multicultural education. Located only miles from Washington, D.C., students take advantage of the program's existing relationships with schools, embassies, federal agencies, and international businesses—providing opportunity for internships and other educational experiences outside the classroom.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>). For specific information, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<http://mcl.gmu.edu/programs/application/LA-MA-FRLN/>) on the departmental website.

Policies

For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Total credits: 30-42

For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

Each concentration has a different number of required credits. In all four concentrations, 6 of the total credits may be earned with a thesis. Regardless of the concentration selected, all students must meet the core and distribution requirements given below and pass a comprehensive exam or write a thesis.

Concentration in French (FRN)

18 credits must be in courses with the subject code FREN.

Code	Title	Credits
Literature		
	Select two courses in literature chosen in consultation with an advisor and cover two different literary periods or Francophone regions.	6

French Language and Linguistics

Select two courses in French language and linguistics chosen in consultation with an advisor. 6

French

Select two additional courses in French literature or language in consultation with an advisor. 6

Electives

Select four electives in consultation with an advisor. A maximum of 6 credits may be used for directed reading and research or thesis. 12

FREN 798 Directed Reading and Thesis Research

FREN 799 Thesis

Total Credits 30

Concentration in Spanish (SPN)

Code	Title	Credits
Required Core Courses ¹		
SPAN 502	Hispanic Sociolinguistics	3
SPAN 510	Methods of Literary and Cultural Studies	3

Latino, Latin American, or Spanish cultures, literatures, or linguistics

Select any five courses with the SPAN subject code. 15

Electives

Select three electives in consultation with an advisor.² 9

SPAN 798 Directed Reading and Research

SPAN 799 Thesis

Total Credits 30

¹ Students must take the core courses within their first 15 credits.

² They can include additional courses in Latin American or Spanish culture, linguistics, or literature, courses with the subject code FRLN, up to 6 credits of courses in related fields, and up to 6 credits of thesis research and writing. Students who do not complete their thesis during one semester of SPAN 799 will need to register for additional credits. Independent studies courses are not available for graduate students of Spanish.

Concentration in Spanish and French (SF)

Code	Title	Credits
French		
	Select six required courses (not electives) specified under the concentration in French.	18

Latino, Latin American, or Spanish cultures, literatures, or linguistics

Take the two required core courses specified under the concentration in Spanish, plus four electives with the SPAN subject code. 18

Electives

Select two electives with the FREN, FRLN, and SPAN subject codes.¹ 6

FREN 798 Directed Reading and Thesis Research

SPAN 798 Directed Reading and Research

FREN 799 Thesis

SPAN 799	Thesis	
Total Credits		42

¹ Students who elect to complete a thesis may apply 6 credits of 798 and 799 to fulfill this requirement.

Concentration in Spanish/Bilingual-Multicultural Education (SBM)

Code	Title	Credits
Required Core Courses ¹		
SPAN 502	Hispanic Sociolinguistics	3
SPAN 510	Methods of Literary and Cultural Studies	3
Latino, Latin American or Spanish cultures, literatures, or linguistics		
Select four courses with the SPAN subject code.		12
Education Courses		
Select two courses from the following list in consultation with an advisor.		6
EDUC 511	Child and Adolescent Development in Global Contexts	
EDUC 537	Introduction to Culturally Linguistically Diverse Learners	
EDCI 516	Bilingualism and Language Acquisition Research	
EDCI 520	Assessment of Language Learners	
EDCI 560	Methods of Teaching in Foreign/World Languages	
EDCI 684	Advanced Methods of Teaching Foreign/Second Languages in PK-12 Schools	
EDRD 620	Reading/Writing in Foreign/World Languages	
Electives ²		
Select four electives in consultation with an advisor.		12
Total Credits		36

¹ Students must take the core courses within their first 15 credits.

² Students who elect to complete a thesis may apply 6 credits of 798 and 799 to fulfill this requirement.

Dual Degree Options

Foreign Languages, MA and Global Affairs, MA Dual Degree

Students interested in pursuing a dual master's program linking foreign languages or global affairs with another discipline should discuss their interest with the graduate program directors of both programs and review the university policies regarding Individualized Dual Master's Degree Programs (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-9-6>).

Students approved to pursue a dual master's program linking the foreign languages MA with a concentration in French, Spanish, or Spanish bilingual/multicultural education with the global affairs MA can share 12 credits between the two programs. Application to the second master's program should be pursued with consultation of the directors of both programs. Admission to the second master's program will require that the

student has met the minimum prerequisites for admissions to the second program.

Accelerated Master's

Foreign Languages, BA (Spanish Concentration)/Foreign Languages, Accelerated MA (Spanish Concentration)

Overview

Highly-qualified Mason undergraduates may be admitted to the bachelor's/accelerated master's program and obtain a BA in Foreign Languages with a concentration in Spanish and an MA in Foreign Languages with a concentration in Spanish in an accelerated time-frame after satisfactory completion of a minimum of 138 credits.

See AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>) for policies related to this program.

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

BAM Pathway Admission Requirements

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>) Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>) and Bachelor's Accelerated Master's Degree policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>). For information specific to this accelerated master's program, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<http://mcl.gmu.edu/programs/la-ma-acel-frln-span/>) on the departmental website.

Students will be considered for admission into the BAM Pathway after completion of a minimum of 60 credits.

Students who are accepted in the BAM Pathway will be allowed to register for graduate level courses after successful completion of a minimum of 75 undergraduate credits.

Accelerated Master's Admissions Requirements

Students already admitted in the BAM Pathway will be admitted to the MA program, if they have met the following criteria, as verified on the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition form:

- Minimum overall GPA of 3.00
- Minimum grade of B in each advanced standing course
- Successfully meeting Mason's requirements for undergraduate degree conferral (graduation) and completing the application for graduation.

Accelerated Pathway Requirements

To maintain the integrity and quality of both the undergraduate and graduate degree programs, undergraduate students interested in taking graduate courses must choose from the following:

Advanced Standing courses (up to 12 credits with a minimum grade of B in each)

500-level SPAN courses (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/span/>)
 500-level FRLN courses (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/frln/>)

Advanced standing courses may substitute for some or all (up to 12 credits) of the 400-level requirements in the BA in Foreign Languages with a concentration in Spanish.

Reserve Graduate Credit courses (up to 6 credits) taken while an undergraduate and will only count for the graduate degree program

500-level SPAN courses (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/span/>)
 500-level FRLN courses (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/frln/>)

For more detailed information on coursework and timeline requirements see AP6.7 Bachelor's Accelerated Master's Degree (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>) policies.

Foreign Languages, BA (Spanish Concentration)/Foreign Languages, Accelerated MA (Spanish/Bilingual-Multicultural Education Concentration)

Overview

Highly-qualified Mason undergraduates may be admitted to the bachelor's/accelerated master's program and obtain a BA in Foreign Languages with a concentration in Spanish and an MA in Foreign Languages with a concentration in Spanish/Bilingual Multicultural Education in an accelerated time-frame after satisfactory completion of a minimum of 144 credits.

See AP6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>) for policies related to this program.

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP6 Graduate Policies (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

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Students will be considered for admission into the BAM Pathway after completion of a minimum of 60 credits.

Students who are accepted in the BAM Pathway will be allowed to register for graduate level courses after successful completion of a minimum of 75 undergraduate credits.

Accelerated Master's Admissions Requirements

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