Oral and Written Proficiency Requirements for Spanish Graduate Programs

Master of Arts in a World Language (M.A. in French, German, Japanese or Spanish)
The M.A. in Foreign Language is a graduate degree with a major in French, German, Japanese or Spanish language and literature. This degree is available with a thesis or a nonthesis option. The thesis option is generally recommended for students who intend eventually to obtain a doctorate. The nonthesis option is often appropriate for those who intend to use their M.A. coursework as direct preparation for secondary school teaching or another career. Students should consult with their adviser to determine the best option.

Admission to the Program
Applicants for admission must meet the University admissions requirements as well as the following departmental requirements:

1. A Bachelor of Arts degree or its equivalent in the major language, with a minimum GPA of 3.00 in all coursework.
2. Oral and written proficiency: Advanced High on the ACTFL scale in French, German and Spanish; Advanced Low in Japanese.**

**Clarification: In order to apply to our MA programs, you must have a BA in Spanish (or 52 equivalent credits in the target language and/or literature). Students who have met this initial requirement generally score an Advanced High on the ACTFL scale, and therefore satisfy the oral and written proficiency requirement for Spanish. For more information on ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages), please check out their website: http://www.actfl.org.

Should the Spanish faculty need further proof of your proficiency, we shall try to contact you for a follow-up interview. The Spanish section does not provide ACTFL testing at this time.

Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T. in French, German or Spanish)
The M.A.T. degree program, while designed especially for those who wish to strengthen their preparation to teach French, German, or Spanish in secondary schools and two-year colleges, is open to anyone wishing to pursue graduate work in these languages.

Admission to the Program
Applicants for admission must meet the University admission requirements as well as the following departmental requirements:

1. A Bachelor of Arts degree or its equivalent in the major language, with a minimum GPA of 3.00 in all coursework.
2. Oral and written proficiency: Advanced High ACTFL.**
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Master of Arts in World Literature and Language (M.A. in W.L.L.)
The M.A. in Foreign Literature and Language is a graduate degree with concentration in a primary language, a secondary language, and linguistics. The primary language may be French, German, Japanese or Spanish; the secondary language may be Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Russian, or Spanish.

Admission to the Program.
Applicants for admission must meet the University admission requirements, as well as the following additional requirements:

1. **In the primary language:**
   - Bachelor of Arts in the language with a 3.00 GPA in the literature courses, or its equivalent as determined by the Department.
   - Oral and written proficiency: Advanced High ACTFL scale.**

2. **In the secondary language:** Demonstration of third year proficiency.

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