Texas A&M International University
College of Arts and Sciences
Office of Graduate Studies
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General TAMIU Information
TAMIU’s campus represents more than a $170 million investment in new facilities. You will take courses on the first new campus in Texas in over 20 years.

Our campus is situated in the heart of South Texas along the U.S.-Mexico border which affords you immense opportunities for international, comparative, and developmental studies. You will study in our new state-of-the-art classrooms and facilities.

Our classrooms and facilities incorporate the latest trends in the evolving Internet and information exchange. On-campus housing facilities are also wired for high-speed free Internet. Ten computer labs help assure that you will work in an environment where the student-to-computer ratio is 10 to 1.

You can also work in our modern media center to make multi-media and audio-video presentations while the University’s Computer and Telecommunications Services department offers you extensive technology training.

Another essential element in your graduate study at TAMIU is the Sue and Radcliffe Killam Library, the cornerstone of our on-campus support centers, which recently completed a $4.5 million addition to its collection.

How Do I Apply?
- The collaborative doctoral degree in Hispanic Studies will require dual enrollment since classes will be offered at both TAMIU & TAMU campuses. Students will apply for admission online to the Office of Graduate Studies at TAMU and apply for the specific doctoral program at the Office of Graduate Studies at TAMIU. Apply as non-degree seeking at TAMIU’s Office of Admissions.
- Complete and submit University application to the Office of Admissions and submit undergraduate transcripts to the Registrar’s Office.
- All applications can be downloaded from http://www.tamiu.edu/coas/gradstudies
- Submit undergraduate transcripts to the Director of Graduate Studies.
- Have official GRE test scores sent directly from ETS.
- International students must also submit adequate TOEFL scores and financial documentation.
- Spring application deadline is November 1; Fall application deadline is April 1.

For more detailed information including program costs and courses, please visit or call:
Website: hisp.tamu.edu/graduate/phd/phd.html
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About Our Program
The interdisciplinary Ph.D. cooperative program in Hispanic Studies is grounded in a solid knowledge of the language, culture, and literature of Spanish-speaking peoples and is designed to meet the needs of selected students who enter the program with well-defined goals for their course of study. It consists of one curriculum and one set of over-arching educational objectives. Within the general framework of the curriculum, however, there are four concentrations, each of which overlap.

Every Ph.D. student must take a core of four courses that will introduce him or her to the various methods and resources for the study of Hispanic literature, language, culture, and socioeconomic issues; the research and methodological skills necessary to conduct and present research; the linguistic variations of the Southwest; and U.S. Latino/a literature(s). Once a student has chosen a particular concentration, he or she will be required to take 15 hours of courses in that concentration, and 18 hours of prescribed and free electives. The majority of the courses offered will be via distance education.

The program permits a student to integrate the subject matter of different disciplines into a course of study relevant to her or his specific interests in the national and international Hispanic world. The program focuses on the transcultural and the transnational, as it explores the continuous interchanges between Spanish-speaking countries on both sides of the Atlantic, as well as their interaction with other cultures and languages worldwide.

Why Should You Come Here?
Texas A&M International University offers a unique environment for studying Spanish. This institution not only provides a solid academic foundation but also promotes a culturally diverse atmosphere. Since the majority of Spanish graduate students are native or heritage speakers of Spanish, you have the opportunity to engage in discussion that focuses on content and learning rather than solely on language skills; consequently, your search for knowledge consists of exciting and interactive learning experiences.

Furthermore, the Laredo community is linguistically and culturally rich in Hispanic traditions and customs, which allows you to live and learn in a Hispanic community within the United States but with immediate access to Mexico just across the border. Laredo, Texas, a city under seven flags, is distinguished by its Spanish colonial architectural influence. Its historical landmarks and monuments vividly reflect timeless events in the Mexican-American past. You can earn a Ph.D. without leaving Laredo! Furthering your education at Texas A&M International University is the gateway to discovering two worlds encompassed in a one-of-a-kind ambience.

About Our Faculty
Our full-time faculty has doctorates in all specialty areas of Spanish, such as Golden Age and Latin American literature and Hispanic Linguistics. They are nationally and internationally recognized and have active research agendas. Moreover, they are committed to providing the highest standards in the classroom and to preparing future scholars, teachers and practitioners. The low student/teacher ratio provides a comfortable learning setting. As a result, each student at Texas A&M International University is able to interact on a one-to-one basis with the professor. Inspirational minds and warm, friendly spirits are always ready to assist students in reaching their educational goals.

Graduate Fellowships/Assistantships
A limited number of merit-based graduate fellowships/assistantships are available each year to students interested in working with faculty or administration in the Department of Language and Literature at Texas A&M International University or with faculty at Texas A&M University at College Station.

Careers
The face of the United States is becoming increasingly bi- and multi-lingual. Possessing a high-level of proficiency in Spanish and understanding Hispanic literature, culture, art, customs, and history is your key to opening the door to a new world. Although employment in traditional language and literature departments is typically limited to professionals with specializations and proficiency in Spanish, students with a doctoral degree in Hispanic Studies should also be prepared to join a department of language and literature. On the other hand, graduates with a doctoral degree in Hispanic Studies will have opportunities in non-academic careers in public and private sector organizations dealing with Latin America and the Hispanic world as well.

Admission Standards
Admission to the doctoral program will be predicated on several factors: (1) a completed masters degree in Spanish or Hispanic Studies or in a related area, with a minimum grade point average of 3.2; (2) demonstrated oral and written proficiency in Spanish; (3) the Graduate Record Examination (GRE); (4) at least three letters of recommendation; (5) the student’s goals and career interests as stated on the application form; and (6) the availability of faculty members who are qualified to direct the student’s program of study. Admission will be consistent with House Bill 1641.

Alternatively, students holding an appropriate baccalaureate degree (including a minimum of 12 hours in Spanish at the advanced undergraduate level) could be admitted to the program under the same criteria 2-6 outlined above. These students will need to complete an additional 30.0 hours at the graduate level.