



Application Guidelines for **Portuguese (MA)**

Application Deadlines **January 15th (Best consideration), March 15th (Final)**

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APPLICATION CATEGORY	SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS
Educational Background	Unofficial transcripts must be uploaded to the online application. Official transcripts must be sent directly to the Office of Admissions. All foreign transcripts/diplomas must be sent with a certified English translation.
Program of Interest	Select: College of Arts and Sciences > Spanish and Portuguese > Portuguese
Letter of Intent	All applicants to the M.A. program in Spanish or Portuguese must submit a narrative statement of intent. This document is one of the most important components of the application and should be prepared thoughtfully. It may be written in English, Spanish or Portuguese. The statement should include a description of their undergraduate studies in Spanish and/or Portuguese and related areas, any additional experiences which bear on their qualifications or interest in graduate studies, and a clear indication of the reasons for pursuing a graduate degree. Applicants should describe their specific interests within the programs offered by the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, and should indicate why they have chosen the University of New Mexico. In addition, applicants should outline their future career plans in as much detail as possible. Simply stating "I have always enjoyed Spanish," "I want to learn more about Spanish/improve my abilities," or "Portuguese is my native language" is not adequate. The M.A. is a professional degree, and applicants need to indicate why they are qualified to undertake this professional training and how they intent to use it in the future.
CV/Resume	Required. No special instructions.
Video/Audio Link	Optional.
Assistantship Interest	Those seeking Portuguese TA positions must submit a 5-10 minute recorded statement in Portuguese which should consist of free, spontaneous narration. Appropriate topics include a brief biographical sketch, accounts of travel or other experiences that bear on graduate study in Spanish and Portuguese, reasons for deciding to pursue a graduate career, specific research interests, and awareness of the programs and resources offered by the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at the University of New Mexico. Applicants should try to use as wide a range of grammatical structures as possible, including past, present, future and hypothetical reference, and an appropriately professional vocabulary. No portion of the recording should be read or memorized, nor should the recorded statement be edited in any way. If the submitted recording does not adequately demonstrate the candidate's linguistic abilities, additional demonstration may be required, such as a supplemental recording, or a telephone or personal interview. The recording statement must be uploaded to the online application under the Assistantship Interest essay section.
Recommendations	Applicants must provide three letters of recommendation. Letters should be written by professors or scholars who can attest to your abilities and qualifications and inform us of your academic potential in your chosen area.