



Application Guidelines for **Spanish and Portuguese (PhD)**

Application Deadlines **January 15th**

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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 > Spanish and Portuguese
Letter of Intent	The Ph.D. is a research-oriented degree which presupposes both the ability and the interest in undertaking sustained original research including publication, scholarly presentation, and teaching. Applicants to the Ph.D. program should outline their previous graduate studies with as much detail as possible. They should also describe their specific interests, including possible dissertation topics, collateral areas, and related research. To the extent possible, they should identify specific faculty members and/or university and community resources that would make their doctoral project feasible at the University of New Mexico, and should justify the choice of UNM as the appropriate institution for their doctoral career. Finally, and most importantly, they should elaborate on their academic background and their abilities to conduct original in-depth research, and should describe their future professional plans and aspirations.
Writing Sample	A sample research paper prepared in accordance with the MLA Style Sheet for literature students or the LSA Style Sheet for linguistics students.
CV/Resume	Required. No special instructions.
Video/Audio Link	Optional.
Assistantship Interest	If interested, Spanish TA candidates must submit the Versant Language Proficiency Exam . The scores must be uploaded to the online application under the Teaching Assistantship essay section. Portuguese TA candidates must submit a 5-10 minute recorded statement in Portuguese and 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 Teaching Assistantship 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.