

Application Form
Spanish M.A. Program, California State University, Long Beach



Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell/other: _____

E-mail: _____ Date of application: _____

Semester to begin study: Fall _____ Spring _____ Year: _____

Current occupation: _____ Student [Where? _____]

_____ Teacher [Where? _____]

_____ Other [Please explain. _____]

HOW TO APPLY:

1. **Visit [Cal State Apply](#)** and apply by June 1st for starting in the Fall semester or by November 1st to start in the Spring. International students should complete the application at [Cal State Apply for International Students](#) usually a month earlier (see [this webpage](#) for International Students dates and deadlines; for more information visit the [Center for International Education](#)).
2. Upload or request the following documents:
 - a. **This Application Form.**
 - b. **Essay.** Ideally, a corrected essay from one of your upper-level Spanish courses. It should have professor's comments and a grade on it. If you do not have a B.A. or minor in Spanish or such a paper, you need to submit a 3 to 10-page essay related to a topic relevant to the M.A. program courses upon consultation with the Graduate Advisor.
 - c. **Statement of Purpose.** A short (2-3 page) Statement of Purpose in English or Spanish explaining your personal/professional goals and history in a way that makes clear why getting an M.A. in Spanish will help you meet those goals.
 - d. **Transcripts.** Transcripts must be official, but if you graduated from CSULB, unofficial transcripts will suffice.
 - e. **Letters of recommendation.** Two letters of recommendation to be uploaded directly by the recommender on Cal State Apply. The letters must attest to the candidate's academic performance and ability to succeed in a graduate program, ideally with good evidence.
3. **Application deadlines: June 1st** for Fall admission; **November 1st** for Spring.
4. **When will I be notified?** The Graduate Admissions Committee will notify you via email ~ 3 weeks after deadline.
5. **What should I do if I am admitted?** Follow instructions on the memo you receive from the advisor; familiarize yourself with the program by visiting the website; and attend our mandatory orientation.
6. **What classes should I take my first semester?** We recommend taking no more than two classes and keep a balance of classes related to the three areas (Linguistics, Latin American studies, Peninsular/Spanish studies). For those interested in being a Teaching Assistant in future semesters, RGR601 is required (offered in the Fall). You should also consider starting the requirement of a second language. You can take the first 3 semesters of that language pass/fail.

Questions? Ask the Graduate Advisor: Dr. Jeannette Acevedo Rivera
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