



HELLENIC REPUBLIC

**National and Kapodistrian
University of Athens**

“Hispanic Studies”

New Postgraduate Studies Program

In the Department of Spanish Language and Literature,

School of Philosophy,

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens,

GREECE

The Department of Spanish Language and Literature, in the School of Philosophy of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (N.K.U.A.), Greece, is announcing the launching in 2017 of a new Master of Arts (M.A.) Program titled “Hispanic Studies”, (the decision posted in the official *Government Gazette*, Issue B’ 4334/30.12.2016).

Length of M.A. Program

The studies for completing the M.A. program last four (4) academic semesters.

Duration of the M.A. Program

The four semesters, two yearlong M.A. program will start the academic year 2017-2018 and it will be offered at least until the academic year 2024-25.

Subject - Objectives of the M.A. program

The objectives of the M.A. program are to educate by inseminating knowledge and scientific research in the field of “Hispanic Studies”. Specifically, the M.A. program, through four distinct curricula programs in the areas of: **Latin American Studies, Spanish Studies, Translation, and Applied Linguistics**, provides the necessary advanced theoretical background, as well as research experience, in order to produce qualified scientists in one of the above four specialties. The graduates of the M.A. program will be eligible to apply to the Ph.D. program in the Department of Spanish Language and Literature (N.K.U.A.).

Degree Conferred

The two-year postgraduate studies program will confer the M.A. equivalent degree titled: “Postgraduate Degree of Specialization”, in one of the following scientific specialties:

- a) “Latin American Studies”

- b) "Spanish Studies"
- c) "Translation"
- d) "Applied Linguistics"

Requirements for becoming accepted to the M.A. program

Prospective graduate students in the M.A. program are required to hold a (B.A. equivalent) degree from:

- the Department of Spanish Language and Literature, N.K.U.A., or
- Departments of the Schools of Philosophy of domestic universities, or
- the Department of Foreign Languages and Translation of the Ionian University, or
- departments of relevant scientific disciplines in other domestic universities and Technological Educational Institutes, or
- departments of relevant scientific disciplines in foreign universities, recognized as equivalent to Greek universities (in accordance to paragraph 1, article 4 of Statute 3685/2008).

Course Curriculum

The M.A. program requires the completion of a total of one hundred twenty (120) European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (E.C.T.S.) units. It is obligatory for the students to attend classes, to write research papers and assignments and to pass courses exams, as well as to prepare a postgraduate (M.A.) Thesis. The course program can utilize innovative educational methods. Teaching languages are exclusively Spanish and English. The course curriculum per specialization is the following:

I. Latin American Studies

1st Semester	
Course	E.C.T.S.
Methodology of Scientific Research	10
Civilization of Latin American Countries	10
Historical Evolution and Integration in Latin America	10
Total	30

2nd Semester	
Course	E.C.T.S.
Literary Theory and Cultural Studies	10
Modern Latin American Essay	10
10 E.C.T.S. are selected from the following elective courses:	
Economic Development in Latin America after Independence	10
Latin American Literature and Science	5
Topics in Latin American Literature	5
Immigration in Latin America: Cultural Implications	5
Modernismo - Post-modernismo	10
Total	30

3rd Semester	
Course	E.C.T.S.
Latin American Novel: History and Literature	10
Latin America: Cultural Diversity and Identification	10
10 E.C.T.S. are selected from the following elective courses:	
Globalization and Latin America	5
Comparative Literature	10
Latin American Woman's Poetry	5
Cultural Syncretism in Latin America: Origin and Development	5
Total	30

4th Semester	
Course	E.C.T.S.
Preparation of Master's Thesis	30
Total	30

II. Spanish Studies

1st Semester	
Course	E.C.T.S.
Methodology of Scientific Research	10
Civilization of Spain	10
History and Society of Spain	10
Total	30

2nd Semester	
Course	E.C.T.S.
Spanish Literature and Cultural Studies	10
Spain: Autonomies and Identity	10
10 E.C.T.S. are selected from the following elective courses:	
Don Quijote	5
Modern Spanish Short Story	5
Spanish Woman's Literature	10
Spanish Economic Development after the Civil War	5
Total	30

3rd Semester	
Course	E.C.T.S.
Spanish Essay	10
Political and Philosophical Thought in Spain	10
10 E.C.T.S. are selected from the following elective courses:	
Modern Spanish Novel: History and Literature	10
Spain: From Restoration to the Fall of Monarchy	5
Spanish Civil War	5
Spanish Art	10
Total	30

4th Semester	
Course	E.C.T.S.
Preparation of Master's Thesis	30
Total	30

III. Translation

1st Semester	
Course	E.C.T.S.
Methodology of Scientific Research	10
Civilization of Spanish Speaking Countries	10
Translation in Spanish Speaking World	10
Total	30

2nd Semester	
Course	E.C.T.S.
Theory of Translation	10
General Translation	10
10 E.C.T.S. are selected from the following elective courses:	
Translation and New Technologies	5
European Institutions and Translation	5
Economic Translation and Terminology	5
Translation of Journal Texts	5
Total	30

3rd Semester	
Course	E.C.T.S.
Literary Translation	10
Special Texts and Translation	10
10 E.C.T.S. are selected from the following elective courses:	
Lexicography and Terminology	5
Translation of Political and Legal Texts	5
Reverse Translation (Greek –Spanish)	5
Semantics and Pragmatics	10
Total	30

4th Semester	
	E.C.T.S.
Preparation of Master's Thesis	30
Total	30

IV. Applied Linguistics

1st Semester	
Course	E.C.T.S.
Methodology of Scientific Research	10
Spanish Linguistics	10
Sociolinguistics of Spanish Language	10
Total	30

2nd Semester	
Course	E.C.T.S.
Theories of Language Acquisition and Foreign Language Learning	10
Contemporary Trends in Foreign Language Teaching	10
10 E.C.T.S. are selected from the following elective courses:	
Discourse Analysis and Teaching of Spanish as a Second Language	5
Special Topics in Morphology – Syntax	5
Special Topics in Sociolinguistics	5
Total	30

3rd Semester	
Course	E.C.T.S.
Teaching of Foreign Language in School Environment	10
Evaluation of Spanish as a Foreign Language	10
10 E.C.T.S. are selected from the following elective courses:	
Analysis and Production of Teaching Material	10
Special Topics in Linguistics	5
Language Policy	5
Total	30

4th Semester	
Course	E.C.T.S.
Preparation of Master's Thesis	30
Total	30

Number of students accepted into the M.A. program

The M.A. program accepts fifteen (15) students per specialty (a total of 60 students for the entire program per year). In addition, they are accepted to the M.A. Program: one (1) Greek citizen recipient of the State Scholarships Foundation (IKY) scholarship to conduct “an M.A. study in *Hispanic Studies* in Greek universities”, as well as one (1) foreign citizen recipient of Greek State Scholarship to conduct “an M.A. study in *Hispanic Studies* in Greek universities”. The Department General Assembly may decide to increase the number of scholarship recipients in the program.

M.A. program Location and Infrastructure

The M.A. program students use the facilities of the School of Philosophy of N.K.U.A. (classrooms, audiovisual equipment etc.).

The classes are held in the building of the School of Philosophy, in the University Campus, Zographou, within the city of Athens.

The M.A. program will use the library of the Department of Spanish Language and Literature of the School of Philosophy, as well as the other university libraries, teleconference facilities, internet, on line data bases and computer in general facilities of N.K.U.A.

Cost of the M.A. program

The M.A. program “Hispanic Studies” operating cost will be covered by:

- a) Student tuition,
- b) Research grants,
- c) E.U. subsidy programs
- d) Public or private sponsored donations, benefits and endowments.

Student Eligibility and acceptance process to the M.A. program

The candidates for the M.A. program should have proven knowledge of Spanish and English language (at least level B2). The foreign students of the specialty “Translation” should know the Greek language (at least level B2).

STUDENT SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCES.

1. Entrance examinations

The candidates, who fulfil all requirements, are asked to take a written examination. The topics of the examination will be announced.

2. Interview

The candidates who succeed in the written exam, are invited for an interview, by a three-member faculty of the department, committee, relative to the specialty. At least one of committee member is member of the M.A. Program Coordinating Committee. The oral interview deals with topics of the direction

the candidate has chosen. The committee evaluates the candidates general scientific background, his/hers possible research activity and publications, possible knowledge of additional to required languages, possession of a second undergraduate or graduate Diploma, as well as a doctorate.

Every member of the oral interview committee evaluates the candidate with a specific grade which cannot be over 20 points. The final grade of the interview committee is the average of each of the three-member's individual grade.

The brake down of the maximum possible points each candidate can accumulate per examination category, are presented below:

Evaluation Criteria	UNITS (max)
Written Examination	60
Undergraduate Degree Grade – Grades of undergraduate courses taken relevant to the chosen M.A. Program direction – Grade of Undergraduate Diploma Thesis	15
Oral Interview - Additional foreign languages (at least level B2) - More than one Undergraduate Diplomas - Postgraduate Specialty Diploma - Doctorate - Scientific publications in peer review journals	20
Undergraduate Diploma from The Department of Spanish Language and Literature, School of Philosophy, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece.	5

The list of accepted to the postgraduate program students is made by the Coordinating Committee in descending order based on the total points each successful candidate accumulated in the written exam, the oral interview and the rest of the criteria specifically mentioned above. The list of the accepted students is verified officially by the Department of Spanish Language and Literature, of the School of Philosophy, of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

The Greek and foreign scholarship recipients specifically mentioned above, are accepted on an individual basis, according to the conditions of their scholarships.

Registration - Student Affaires

Registration takes place exclusively within the time period decided by the Dept. General Assembly, the exact procedure is announced by the department administration. Registration is renewed every semester within the two first semester weeks. Enrollment in a total of four semesters is required in order to qualify for the M.A. Degree.

Student presence and participation in the lectures and the exams of the courses enrolled is obligatory. Student course evaluation at the end of the semester is also obligatory. The exact evaluation process is determined by the instructor and is uploaded at the M.A. program webpage.

During the course, each student writes essays required by the instructor. The maximum essay length is 8-12 pages (2.800 – 4.200 words). Essays outside this range are not accepted. Grading, registered in the administrative secretariat, follows the undergraduate study's system (scale 0-10, highest grade 10, minimum pass grade is 5). Required written essays graded less than 5, are resubmitted improved. The essay due time, before the end of the semester, and the details for revising it, are decided by the instructor in cooperation with the student. In case the assigned work is again graded below 5, the student is required to repeat the course.

All written assignments in all courses of the first two semesters of the M.A. program are due a specific date within the course semester. If they are not delivered on time, the student receives an Incomplete note – not a grade-, and has the opportunity to turn the assignments in by a specified date the following September. Absence from the lectures for special reasons should be satisfactorily documented within a week of the absence date. A special petition for this in the administrative secretary is required. In case a student is absent with no excuse in more than 20% of the lectures of a course, loses the right to complete the course and is obliged to repeat it, EXCLUSIVELY the following year. It is absolutely required that the student has completed all courses of the first three semesters in order to be eligible to advance to the 4th semester for their MA thesis preparation. Otherwise, the thesis is postponed to start the next, 5th semester.

Talks - Conferences

The M.A. program, in order to promote research in its four specialties, organizes conferences in relative subjects during the four semesters. Students' participation in all these activities is obligatory.

M.A. Thesis

The M.A. program students are obliged to write an M.A. thesis. The topic should be within the scientific field of each M.A. specialization.

At the beginning of the 3rd semester, the students, in cooperation with the faculty and taking under consideration the research plan of the department, decide on an M.A. thesis topic and submit to the M.A. Coordinating Committee a proposal with the title and a statement – outline. Within a month from the deadline for M.A. proposal submission to the administrative secretariat, the M.A. Coordinating Committee announces the list of the approved M.A. Thesis

topic and the 3 Member Supervisory Committee assigned to each student. The M.A. thesis is conducted during the 4th semester, in regular consultation with the Advisor, and submitted at the end of that semester. It is defended within 4 months after submission.

The M.A. thesis defense is open to the public. The place, date and time, the M.A. candidate's name and the members of his/hers Supervising Committee are announced and uploaded to the M.A. website by the Coordinating Committee.

The M.A. thesis defense should take place at the latest before the end of the year within he/she completed the 4th semester. In special circumstances, and only with the approval of the Coordinating Committee, the defense and turn in of the M.A. thesis can be postponed, no later than the end of the June of the following year.

If, for any reason caused by the student, he/she violates the above deadline for M.A. thesis defense, he/she immediately and with no other administrative process, loses the right to complete the M.A. He/she, however, can get a verification of the courses he/she has successfully completed.

A Thesis is accepted when:

1. The student has successfully pass all required courses of the program (i.e., to have completed 90 E.C.T.S.).
2. The Advisor (in agreement with the other two members of the 3-Member-Supervisory-Committee), submits a written thesis approval statement.
3. The Committee verifies that the thesis (in print and in electronic form) complies with the publication directives decided by the M.A. Coordinating Committee. The M.A. thesis should be within 40-80 pages long (14.000 -28.000 words), the bibliography and possible appendices excluded.
4. The members of the Supervising Committee grade the M.A. thesis, with a grade 5 or above on a scale 0-10.

The grade is calculated as the average of the individual grades of each of the three members, with two decimal points, rounded to the closest percentile. The M.A. thesis is evaluated by the 3-member committee on the basis of adequate research plan and scientific methodology applied, of the bibliographic research and adequate literature survey and use, of the importance and scientific applicability of the results, as well as of the overall publication structure of the thesis and the oral defense presentation.

In the occasion the Supervisory Committee rejects the M.A. thesis, the candidate ought to revise and correct the thesis in two (2) months after the first defense, and resubmit it for the second and final defense; the date, within the above time period is decided by the Coordinating Committee. In the case the thesis is again rejected, the candidate is terminated from the M.A. program and he/she loses the right to complete the M.A. program. He/she, however, can get a verification of the courses he/she has completed successfully.

The students are obliged to submit to the administrative secretariat four copies of the final approved form of their M.A. Thesis in print as well as in electronic form.

The department, is obliged not to publish the students M.A. Thesis, but only to uploaded it in its proper website in locked (read only) pdf form, according to the University and the relevant E.U. directives. A restriction to this access (for up to two-years maximum) can be decided by the student.

M.A. Diploma Conferral

Final Grade

After successfully completing all the M.A. program requirements, the M.A. Diploma is conferred to the student. The final grade of the M.A. Diploma, in two decimals, rounded to closest percentile, is calculated as: 25% of the M.A. Thesis grade, plus 75% of the average of the grades of all courses taken the three first semesters of the M.A. program. All grades are calculated in two decimals, rounded to closest percentile.

Conferral of M.A. Degree

M.A. Diploma is conferred only when the grade is 5 or above, in a 0-10 scale.

The student who:

- does not defend the M.A. thesis within the calendar year of completing the 4th semester, or
- the M.A. thesis is graded to less than 5, or
- is absent from the M.A. Program educational activities, beyond those approved by the Coordinating Committee, or
- fails three (3) times a course, or
- fails twice (2) the oral defense of the M.A. thesis,

is automatically terminated from the M.A. program. He/she, however, can get a verification of the courses he/she has completed successfully.

Health Insurance

The M.A. Program students are covered for free by the Ministry of Education Student Health Insurance.

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