



How to Apply for the Bachelor's/Master's Combined Program in Spanish

The bachelor's/master's degree program in Spanish is designed to provide qualified students the means to complete the requirements for both degrees in a period of five years. A key feature of the program is that a student can count up to 12 hours of graduate-level courses in order to fulfill requirements for the B.A. and use those same 12 credits toward the M.A. in Spanish.

This program is designed for students currently in the Spanish B.A. program at UNCW who have:

1. Completed a minimum of seventy-five (75) and a maximum of ninety-eight (98) credit hours, including credits earned from advanced placement if they start at UNCW or are transfer students (Note: More hours may be permitted under certain circumstances.) Transfer students must have completed a minimum of two semesters as full-time students at UNCW, a minimum of 24 hours.
2. Completed a minimum of twelve (12) hours of 300- or 400-level Spanish courses.
3. Completed at least one of these courses: SPN 308, 311, 312, 321, 322, 323, 385
4. A minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.3 and minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.3 in the Spanish major.

Second Semester of Junior Year

1. Students who meet the above criteria should meet with the Graduate Coordinator to discuss the program and submit the following materials to the graduate coordinator by April 1 for Fall admission and by November 1 by Spring admission.

- Spanish BA/MA Program Application Form (on the Spanish BA/MA [website](#)).
- Two recorded samples, one in English and one in Spanish, in which the applicant introduces her/himself, describes a person she/he admires, or describes a trip she/he took. Applicants may send the graduate coordinator a link to the file on a site such as [vocaroo.com](#) or .mp3 / .m4a files by email.
- A 500-word written statement of objectives in English.
- A 500-word writing sample in Spanish in which the applicant states and defends an opinion.

2. Members of the departmental Graduate Committee review the candidate's materials and forward their advisory vote to the department chair who may grant permission to apply up to 12 hours of graduate-level credit earned during their senior year towards their future master's degree in Spanish. (*Departmental permission to apply to the bachelor's/master's degree program does not guarantee admission to the Graduate School. Admission to the Graduate School is contingent upon meeting eligibility requirements at the time of entering the graduate program.*)

3. If permission is granted, students meet with the Graduate Coordinator for advising and degree planning. During pre-registration, student must fill out the Undergraduate Request to Enroll in Graduate Course form. This form requires signatures of approval from instructors of requested graduate courses, the College of Arts & Sciences, and the Graduate School.

First Semester of Senior Year

1. The student typically will be enrolled in 2 graduate classes and 2 undergraduate classes.
2. During pre-registration for the following spring, the student must fill out the Undergraduate Request to Enroll in Graduate Course (on BA/MA [website](#)) for the graduate courses to be taken in the spring. This form requires signatures of approval from instructors of requested graduate courses, the Graduate Coordinator, the College of Arts & Sciences, and the Graduate School.
3. The student must submit a Graduate Degree Plan during the first semester of his or her senior year, signed by the prospective student, the department chair, and the graduate coordinator.

The Graduate Degree Plan for the master's degree must clearly indicate:

- The specific 500-level SPN courses (maximum of 12 graduate credit hours) that will be double-counted for both bachelor's and master's degrees.
- The student's intention to fulfill course requirements for the master's degree no later than a year after receiving the bachelor's degree.
- The intended graduation date for the master's degree (typically one year after the B.A.)

Second Semester of Senior Year

1. Student will typically be enrolled in 2 graduate courses and 2 undergraduate courses.
2. Student should submit the standard application for admission to the Graduate School early in the semester. The link to the application is on the Spanish BA/MA website.
3. Upon the graduate committee's review of the submitted materials, a letter of acceptance (or denial) to the master's program will be sent to the student. Acceptance will be provisional and contingent on meeting specified degree requirements, including completion of the bachelor's degree and maintaining a 3.0 or better on all 500-level courses. A student who is ineligible to participate or continue in, or withdraws from, the bachelor's/master's program cannot double count any courses for both bachelor's and master's degrees. For more details, see the graduate coordinator.