Admissions Requirements:
Applicants must hold a Baccalaureate degree in the target language or a closely related area and be proficient in French or Spanish. Admission to the K-12 Teaching Track also requires NC “A-level” license. The application requires a writing and speaking sample in the target language, official GRE scores, official transcripts from all credit-bearing university coursework, and three letters of reference.

Students may also begin coursework as non-degree-seeking students. If admitted later to the MA, up to 9 hours (3 courses) taken with this status may be applied to the Master’s.

Financial Aid:
Graduate students taking at least 5 hours are eligible for federal financial aid. For full-time, on-campus students, graduate stipends are available on a competitive basis. On-campus students can also apply for Graduate Instructional Assistantships, which normally require a commitment of 20 hours per week. Some Graduate Assistants teach in the department, others assist with research and administrative tasks. Two smaller stipends are available for the Summer Institute in July.

Questions?
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M.A. in Romance Languages, French or Spanish K-12 Teaching or Community College Teaching Tracks

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Among the graduate faculty are award-winning teachers who have taught in varied settings in the U.S. and abroad. We are progressive teachers and continually strive to improve our curriculum. We recognize the value of integrating technology in the classroom to enhance students’ learning and to bring our language and cultures alive.

As specialists in cultural studies, linguistics, literature, pedagogy, and second language acquisition, our research interests represent a broad range of intellectual pursuits. We offer our collective resources to the students we mentor. The faculty is actively engaged in improving teaching at all levels through serving as officers or members of major organizations for teachers of foreign languages (FLANC, AATF, AATSP, etc.)

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Application Deadlines*

November 1 for Spring
April 1 for Summer Session 1
July 1 for Fall

*Non-degree-seeking students can apply up to three weeks before each term begins.

Transcripts from all college work are required.

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- The French Media
- Poetry of French Expression
- Theater and Performance in French
- French Cultural Studies
- Francophone Cultures through Media
- History of the French Language
- Advanced French Expression

MA in Romance Languages, Spanish
7-8 Spanish courses (addt’l courses below)
- Hispanic Children’s and Adolescent Literature
- Masterpieces of Hispanic Art and Literature
- Contemporary Hispanic Short Fiction
- Poetry in Spain and Latin America
- Theater/Performance in Spain/Latin America
- Hispanic Cultural Studies
- The Media in Latin America and Spain
- Migration in Spanish Literature and Film
- Seminar in Spanish Linguistics
- History of the Spanish Language
- Advanced Spanish Expression

Applied Linguistics:
- Issues in Teaching FLs and Cultures
- Bilingualism and Second Language Acquisition
- Product of Learning (K-12 track only)

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- The Community College