The Portuguese, PhD is not currently accepting applications. Suspension of admissions effective Fall 2023.

Admission
The normal prerequisite for a graduate major is an undergraduate major in the corresponding Romance language or consent of the department. Students doing graduate work for any advanced degree in Spanish or Portuguese must possess a command of the language. Applicants should apply online (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/) and submit a statement of purpose, three letters of recommendation and a writing sample of approximately 10-20 pages in the form of one or two papers, at least one of which must be written in Spanish or Portuguese (as applicable). Original transcripts (with English translations if applicable) showing all undergraduate and graduate work completed should also be uploaded. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are recommended (although not required) of all domestic applicants and should be submitted to institution code 1836. International applicants who have taken the GRE are encouraged to submit their scores as well. Applicants whose native language is not English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and must score at least 88 on the internet-based test (iBT); they must also pass the speaking sub-section of the iBT with a minimum score of 24 (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/spanish-phd/www.grad.illinois.edu/Admissions/instructions/04c/). Applications are accepted for fall admission only. Application questions may be directed to SLCL Graduate Student Services (slclgradservices@illinois.edu).

Centers, Programs, and Institutes
The option to pursue a concentration in SLATE (Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education) is available to doctoral students in the department's programs in linguistics. Candidates selecting this option are required to complete courses in linguistics, psycholinguistics/sociolinguistics, second language studies, and research methodology in addition to advanced study in linguistics of the particular language. See information about SLATE (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/spanish-phd/www.grad.illinois.edu/Admissions/instructions/04c/). The department's guidelines for graduate students and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/) for additional details and requirements refer to the department's guidelines for graduate students (http://www.spanport.illinois.edu/graduate/guidelines/) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/).

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Coursework selected in consultation with advisor

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1. Students will possess a breadth of knowledge about social, cultural, and historical issues in Brazil and the Portuguese-speaking world, as well as a depth of knowledge about a cluster of research questions corresponding to students’ individual interests.
2. Students will develop a familiarity with multiple disciplinary approaches to the study of Brazil specifically and social, cultural, and historical phenomena more generally.
3. Students will possess the ability to identify research questions, develop a research project, and see that project to completion through sustained engagement with both existing scholarship and novel research.
4. Students will acquire the ability to communicate research findings in a variety of academic venues in spoken and written English and Portuguese.
5. Students will acquire knowledge and experience of teaching methodologies and will be able to teach at the undergraduate level.

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- Spanish, MA (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/spanish-ma/)
  - optional concentrations:
    - Medieval Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/medieval-studies/)
    - Spanish Linguistics (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/spanish-ma/spanish-linguistics/)

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Fields of specialization are:

- Spanish linguistics
- Romance linguistics
- Spanish literature and cultural studies
- Latin American literature and cultural studies
- Brazilian Studies
- Luso-Brazilian literature and cultural studies

A graduate course in Catalan literature is also available. Additionally, the department is affiliated with the Latina/Latino Studies Program. Students in the area of Latina/Latino studies may be able to work with experts in the other disciplines in Latina/Latino studies such as anthropology, history, political science, sociology, and so forth in order to design and complete a program of studies in a particular area.

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