

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

DEPARTMENT APPLICATION MATERIAL:

Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Attn: Graduate Program Office
51 Folwell Hall, 9 Pleasant St. SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455

DEPARTMENTAL APPLICATION

Application for admission is available for download from our website.

WRITING SAMPLE

A research paper written for a course that best represents your interests and skills in relation to the field to which you are applying and may be written in English, Spanish or Portuguese. You may submit this directly to the department.

GRE SCORES

Photocopies Accepted.

The GRE is required for all applicants educated (high School & college) in the continental United States. International students for whom English is not a native language, or who do not hold a baccalaureate, or higher, degree from an accredited university whose language of instruction is English, must take the TOEFL.

NO GRE Subject Tests are required. The preferred GRE scores for the department are 500 on both the Verbal and Quantitative Reasoning sections and 5.0 on the Analytical Writing section. You may send the official scores or a photocopy of your scores to the department. The department code is 2608, the Institution code for the U of M-Twin Cities campus is 6874. Please see www.gre.org for more information.

5 MINUTE VOICE SAMPLE ON CD/TAPE/AUDIO FILE

Please use a Windows compatible format (MP3, wav. file, etc.) and either burn it to a CD or email it to spptgrad@umn.edu. The objective of the voice sample is to demonstrate your speaking skills in Spanish or Portuguese if you are a native speaker of English. If you are a native speaker of Spanish or Portuguese, please demonstrate your speaking skills in English.

On the voice sample: Identify yourself and the degree for which you are applying. You may wish to talk about your studies to now, future plans, or share an interesting anecdote. Applicants are encouraged to use as wide a range of grammatical structures as possible, including past, present, future, and hypothetical reference, and a diverse range of vocabulary.

NOTE: VISA documents must be approved/finalized by August 5th.

GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION MATERIAL:

Graduate School Office of Admissions
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
309 Johnston Hall, 101 Pleasant St. SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455
Fax: (612) 625-6002

APPLY YOURSELF ONLINE APPLICATION http://www.grad.umn.edu/prospective_students/apply_online.html

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

A statement of one to three pages, written in English, which explains your choice of graduate study in Spanish and Portuguese Studies at Minnesota in terms of your academic and general experience, and your personal and professional goals. Include as much detail as possible regarding focus, theory and methodology from the perspective of your present training. The Statement must be written in English and can either be sent directly to the department or uploaded to the Graduate School's Apply Yourself Application system.

THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Written by professors with whom you have had the closest academic association and who can judge your promise as a graduate student and scholar. Letters can be submitted via the online letters of recommendation submission system through the Graduate School's Apply Yourself Application or sent directly to the department.

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT(S)

From all colleges/ universities attended, including your current school. International transcripts may need special certification and/or translation. Transcripts may be faxed or mailed to the Graduate School Admissions office.

TOEFL SCORES

Required for nonnative speakers of English who have not attended or received a degree from a recognized institution of higher learning in the U.S.) http://www.grad.umn.edu/prospective_students/application_information/TOEFL.html

The Test of English as a Foreign Language is required of all international applicants whose native language is not English, except those who will have completed 24 quarter credits/16 semester credits (within the past 24 months) in residence as a full-time student at a recognized institution of higher learning in the US before entering the University of Minnesota., the Institution code for the U of M-Twin Cities campus is 6874.

CURRICULUM VITAE OR RÉSUMÉ (Optional)