

## Application: Five-Year BA/MA Program in Hispanic Studies

For qualified students, the Department of Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures offers a Five-Year BA/MA program with a BA major in Hispanic Studies and a non-thesis MA major in Hispanic Studies. The primary component of the program is that a qualified student may take up to 9 hours of approved graduate courses for their senior undergraduate electives and have them count toward both the BA degree and the MA degree. Qualifications for admission to the program are:

- The student must have an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 and a cumulative GPA of 3.5 in undergraduate Hispanic Studies courses to be considered for admission to the program.
- Conditional and full admission of a student into this program must be approved by the Department of Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures and by the Graduate School.
- Conditional admission may be granted after completing 64 hours of the requirements for the BA in Hispanic Studies, as specified by any Undergraduate Catalog in effect during that student's attendance at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, provided that the Catalog has been in effect within six years of the date of graduation.
- Conditional admission must be obtained before taking a graduate course that is to be used to satisfy the requirements of both the BA degree and the MA degree.
- Full admission may be granted after completing 96 hours of the requirements for the BA in Hispanic Studies, as specified by any Undergraduate Catalog in effect during that student's attendance at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, provided that the Catalog has been in effect within six years of the date of graduation. A cumulative GPA of 3.5 in undergraduate Hispanic Studies courses is required for full admission.
- Any course taken for graduate credit prior to satisfying all requirements for the BA degree must be approved by the department head (or designee) and by the Graduate School.
- A student will not be eligible for a graduate assistantship until the student has satisfied all of the requirements for the BA degree. That stated, the 5-Year BA/MA program typically does not provide a graduate assistantship to participating students.

I am seeking admission to the Five-Year BA/MA Program in Hispanic Studies. (Form should be submitted to the MFLD Director of Graduate Studies by end of the 7<sup>th</sup> week of the term for which you are seeking graduate credit.)

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Intended semester/year of BA degree \_\_\_\_\_

Departmental Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate School Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Use table on back of this sheet for planning purposes and to obtain the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies for each course

I would like to have these courses count for both BA & MA (a grade of B+ or higher is required)	# of credit hours:	When I took / will take this class:	Approval of Director of Graduate Studies

Showcase for completing BA/MA within 5 years:

**YEAR 1** (First-year student)  
Undergraduate Courses

**YEAR 2** (Sophomore)  
Undergraduate Courses

**YEAR 3** (Junior, 64 hours +)  
Undergraduate Courses (possibility of counting 400-level courses in major for MA)

**YEAR 4** (Senior, 96 hours +)  
Undergraduate Courses (full admission to program available)  
Fall semester: one 400-level course; Spring semester: one 400-level course + one 500-level course

Graduation with BA (120 hours)  
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**YEAR 5** (YEAR ONE OF MA PROGRAM; 9 Graduate Hours Brought in from BA)  
Semester One: 9 to 12 Graduate Hours; three to four 400- and 500-level courses (note 6-hour limit on 400-level courses)\*  
Semester Two: 9 to 12 Graduate Hours; three to four 400- and 500-level courses (note 6-hour limit on 400-level courses)\*

GRADUATION WITH MA (30 hours)

\*MA students in Hispanic Studies are limited to counting no more than two 400-level courses for a maximum of 6 hours.