



"My time working and studying in Gordy Hall gave me great skills, not only to develop my research career but also my interpersonal relationships as an instructor, researcher and student. I would definitely not be where I am not if it wasn't for my time studying at OU and the amazing mentors and colleagues I met there"

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Considering our MA program? Find some answers here!

How long is the Masters program?

The MA in Spanish is 2 years long (a total of 4 semesters). This is an in-person program where students attend classes at our Athens campus.

Is there an age limit?

No. Anybody can apply for the program and be eligible to receive funding (in the form of Teaching Assistantships). However, we give priority to students who are young and exhibit career promise.

I am not American and finished my undergraduate students in another country. Can I apply?

Yes. Students who completed their undergraduate studies elsewhere are welcome to apply. If the native language is other than English, students must demonstrate English proficiency. The accepted exams to demonstrate proficiency are: the TOEFL exam and obtain an overall score of 4 and 4.5 in speaking, or an IELTS exam and obtain an overall score of 6.5 and 7 in speaking, or a DET exam and obtain an overall score of 120 and 130 in speaking. This requisite is firm and cannot be waived and no other exams are accepted.

I am unable to pay tuition. Does the department offer funding (scholarships/assistantships)?

Yes. All applicants are considered for funding in the form of Teaching Assistantships (TAs) or Graduate Research Scholarships (GRSs). Both types of funding cover your tuition and offer a stipend. They differ, however, in the stipend amount and the responsibilities the student has with each one.

What is the stipend amount I will be receiving if I am granted a TAs?

This position includes a stipend of approximately \$13,360 for the year (\$6,680 per semester), a full graduate tuition scholarship (also known as free tuition/tuition waiver), and partial

payment of the general fee and health insurance. Students are employed at the Department of Modern Languages.

What is the stipend amount I will be receiving if I am granted a GRS?

This position includes a stipend of approximately \$900 for the year, a full graduate tuition scholarship (also known as free tuition/tuition waiver), and partial payment of the general fee and health insurance. Students are encouraged to find employment elsewhere on campus.

Does my TAship/GRSs include housing?

No, you are responsible for finding a place to live and paying your own rent. The stipend you receive should cover your expenses such as rent, utilities, and personal expenses.

Does my TAship/GRSs include travel costs?

No. Students are responsible for covering their own travel expenses.

As a TA, I get a stipend and I don't have to pay tuition. Do I have to pay anything?

Yes, you will be required to pay fees. Fees differ according to whether you are an international or domestic student. Some fees are optional but provide useful services such as the legal and wellbeing fee. You may waive out of optional fees before registering for classes during orientation in August in your MyOhio Student Center under the finances tab. Students generally are charged a general fee, a student information system fee, student health insurance, technology fee, WellBeing fee (optional) and student legal service fee (optional).

What does the tuition waiver cover? What amount will be credited toward my fees?

For full-time students, it waives the cost of tuition, plus the non-resident surcharge if you are not from Ohio. It also covers part of the general fee in the amount of \$430 and it pays for a health subsidy.

I am an international student and I would like to make some extra money, can I look for employment?

No. International students who enter the country on a student visa (F1) are NOT allowed to be employed elsewhere. Students who are granted an assistantship will earn a monthly stipend during the academic year. This stipend is typically sufficient to cover expenses for a modest living. Students might be able to find on-campus employment for an additional 5 hours a week (as you are not allowed to exceed 20 hours/week)

I am an international student. How will my visa be processed?

Once you are accepted, the university will process the necessary paperwork. You will have to demonstrate funds (see next question). You will receive an I-20 form for an F1 (student) visa. It will be your responsibility to schedule an appointment with your local U.S. Embassy. You will be required to bring your I-20. Please make sure you know what additional documentation you should bring to the interview.

I am an international student and I will be getting an F1 visa. How much money must I have in my bank for visa purposes?

The U.S. government requires that you demonstrate sufficient funds to pursue the proposed course of study in the U.S. to qualify for a student visa. You fill out a Financial Support Form obtained from this site in order to get an I-20/DS-2019:

<https://www.ohio.edu/graduate/apply/newly-admitted/international/requesting-your-i-20>

After figuring in the amount of your stipend, non-resident surcharge (covered by your tuition waiver) and tuition scholarship for the year, you must document, with a bank statement, approximately \$2,000 on the day the statement is printed. (You should plan for \$2500 and you will know the exact amount prior to filling out the Financial Support Form.) The amount will be higher if you are bringing dependents (spouse and/or child(ren) with you). For more on this please see: <https://www.ohio.edu/graduate/apply/newly-admitted/international>

What are the policies regarding health insurance coverage?

You are required to have health insurance coverage. Ohio University provides health insurance for \$2,820.00 per year (as of 2026). Domestic students who already have coverage are eligible for a waiver if they provide proof of insurance by a specified date, usually early in the first semester of each academic year you enroll in the program. If you are eligible, the waiver option will be available on your **My OHIO Student Center** once your registration charges have been assessed for the term. You may find more information about waiving this fee here:

<http://www.ohio.edu/registrar/enrollcert.cfm#verification>

International students enrolled for one or more credit hours are automatically enrolled in and billed for the International Student Health Insurance plan. International students **cannot waive** the major medical insurance offered by the University unless **they are being sponsored by their home country**. Only the Office of International Student & Faculty Services can grant permission to waive the insurance.

How will I get paid? How can I sign up for direct deposit?

You can either receive a check or use direct deposit to your bank account. You will have the option of signing up for direct deposit of your stipend when you complete OU employment paperwork prior to the start of classes. For more information, see:

<https://www.ohio.edu/hr/compensation/payroll-services/direct-deposit>

I am an international student and I have dependents (spouse, children), can I bring them with me?

Yes, spouses or children of F1 visa holders (student visa) will apply for a F2 visa. For information about visas and the restrictions that apply to each case, please visit

<https://www.ohio.edu/graduate/apply/newly-admitted/international>

Also, keep in mind that you would be responsible for proving you have the funds to support your dependents and you will be required to show this proof at the US Embassy when you apply for your visa.

"The MA program in Spanish at OU made me realize that I am capable of doing far more than I thought possible. I was not only able to see my own intellectual growth, but as a TA, I was also able to see that of my students. OU will always hold a special place in my heart." Shayla Cohen – MA in Spanish 2020



invites students to apply to the
Master's Program in Spanish

Our 2-year program offers a broad spectrum of courses that will optimally prepare you for your future career plans. These courses include Hispanic literatures, linguistics, and cultures as well as courses in applied linguistics and translation.

Funding is available! We offer teaching assistantships that come with a full tuition waiver. You can earn your master's degree while gaining teaching experience and building your résumé.

For information about deadlines, requisites, and application procedures, visit or use the QR code:

<https://www.ohio.edu/cas/modern-languages/graduate>



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