

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA  
 DEPARTMENT OF SPANISH, ITALIAN & PORTUGUESE  
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 CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 22904

Distinguished Major Program in Spanish

APPLICATION

Deadline for 2024 graduates: Friday, March 13, 2026

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Local) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Current overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Status: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (year, semester)

Please list the courses you have taken that were taught in Spanish. Also, please indicate if any of these courses qualify as seminars. (*\* A seminar is a 4000-level course of 25 or fewer students with a writing requirement of at least 3000 words.*)

| Courses taken in Spanish | Date<br>(Semester & Year) | Grade | Professor | Seminar * |
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Courses taken in Spanish                      Date                      Grade                      Professor                      Seminar \*

(Semester & Year)

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Have you written a research paper while a student at UVA? If so, please describe the topic, length of the paper, and the type of research materials used.

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Name of a Professor of Spanish who is supporting your application: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit this form with:**

1. A brief description of the proposed topic and area of your thesis. Indicate whether you have identified a faculty member to direct this thesis.
2. A writing sample in Spanish of approximately 600 words. It can be a paper from a course or an essay written especially for this application.
3. An unofficial advising transcript.

**In addition:**

- Request that your sponsoring professor send Professor Fernando Valverde a letter of recommendation. You should give this professor the form for the letter of recommendation (see below)

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This form should be returned to the DMP Advisor with a copy to Linda Newman. Please include a copy of your current (unofficial) transcript.

Professor Fernando Riva, DMP Advisor

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Linda Newman, [lgn2e@virginia.edu](mailto:lgn2e@virginia.edu)

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Please give this form to the professor writing your recommendation.

### **Letter of Recommendation for the Distinguished Majors Program in Spanish.**

The following student is applying to the Distinguished Majors Program in Spanish at the University of Virginia and has indicated that you would be willing to direct his/her thesis. A description of the DMP can be found on the departmental Web page.

DMP theses are generally at least thirty double-spaced pages and written in Spanish. In your letter, please indicate whether:

- the student's written Spanish is adequate for writing an extended research paper.
- the student's oral and aural skills in Spanish are adequate for participation in a 5000-level course.
- the student has the requisite time-management skills for undertaking a long-term project. In your experience, has the student has completed assignments on time?

Please e-mail letter to:

Professor Fernando Riva, DMP Advisor  
[ecy3dr@virginia.edu](mailto:ecy3dr@virginia.edu)