**SPAN 6399: Master’s Thesis/Community Project
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After taking 27-30 hours of coursework, students will take the listed 6 hours to develop a thesis or a community project. These 6 hours will be taken in one semester.

A *thesis* consists of an in-depth study of a topic within the vast area of Hispanic studies (culture, education, linguistics, literature, arts, etc.). Students should review excellent theses  that have been written by former students of our department of Hispanic Studies. The extension of this work is variable, but it usually requires a minimum of 50 pages of narrative without counting references and appendices.

The *community project* is related to activities or studies that M.A. students conduct at schools or other work centers. A few examples of community projects are the following, but they are not limited to this list; on the contrary, we expect that M.A. students bring a variety of creative ideas that enrich our program.

-Report based on experience that arise from interpretation at immigration or health clinics

-Creation of a radio or TV program in Spanish with a groups of students

-Development of a methodology to teach a Spanish content area

-Creation and implementation of activities to support the teaching of Spanish

-Critical studies on study plans

-Collection of narratives from Spanish speakers and its publication in a digital format on the web

-Creation of websites related to a study area

-Organization of a Hispanic/multicultural festival in a school or community

New ideas are welcomed and students are encouraged to share with our faculty.

At the end of the community project, a detailed written report about the activity conducted should be submitted to the student's committee (see below).

In both cases, thesis and community project, students will work with a faculty member of the program, with whom s/he will discuss the topic and its implementation. This professor of the Department of Hispanic Studies will be the director of the student's thesis/community project. Students can start thinking about this work and discuss it with a professor of the program as early as possible.

The outcome of the thesis/community project will be defended via Zoom or Teams in front of a committee of 3 professionals: the director, another faculty from the program, and a professional from the institution in which the study/work/activity was conducted. This committee of three members will be formed when the student registers for SPAN 6399/SPAN7399 and complete the Thesis/Community Project Committee Apointment Form.