

UW-Milwaukee Department of Spanish and Portuguese
Application for Teaching Assistantship in Spanish or Portuguese
Academic Year 2009-2010

Deadline for Fall TA position: **FEBRUARY 1, 2009**

Submit this application form along with your CV to:

Professor Jeffrey Oxford, Chair of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, UW-
Milwaukee by e-mail (oxford@uwm.edu) or mail (P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee WI 53201).

Please note that your application for a Teaching Assistantship will not be considered until you are accepted into the UWM Graduate School and the Spanish M.A. (or MAFL) program.

I. Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

II. Education

1) Describe your undergraduate and graduate education, including institution, degrees completed or in progress and the year, and major/minor.

Undergraduate _____

Graduate _____

2) What is your anticipated area of concentration? (i.e., Spanish linguistics, literature of Spain, literature of Latin America, etc.) _____

If you are not in the Spanish M.A. program, what graduate degree program are you in or applying for and what is your field of concentration?

Degree program: _____ Concentration: _____

III. Language Experience

Please answer all the following questions, in Spanish, about your experiences with Spanish and/or Portuguese.

1. If you are a native speaker, what is your nationality and where were you raised?

(Native speakers can skip questions 2 and 3 and continue with Section IV.)

2. When did you first begin learning Spanish and/or Portuguese and for how long have you been studying this language?

3. Please describe any study abroad or time spent abroad, including work experience.

IV. Language Proficiency

1. How would you self-evaluate your abilities in each of these skills?

Listening:	superior	advanced	intermediate	novice
Speaking:	superior	advanced	intermediate	novice
Reading:	superior	advanced	intermediate	novice
Writing:	superior	advanced	intermediate	novice

2. On what do you base each of these evaluations?

Listening: _____

Speaking: _____

Reading: _____

Writing: _____

3. Have you had an official OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview)? If so, at what level on the ACTFL Proficiency scale were you rated? _____

In order to determine your speaking proficiency, we may call you for a phone interview. When are you generally available at the number you listed above? _____

4. Writing Proficiency—please submit a minimum two-page writing sample (topic open) that you have written recently—or purposely for this application—that has **not** been reviewed or edited by another person (please type!) and that demonstrates your writing skills.

V. Teaching Experience (answer in Spanish)

1. List the courses you have taught or are teaching.

2. Describe, in Spanish, your favorite language teacher (as a student). What kind of a teacher was he/she? What aspects of his/her teaching would you try to incorporate into your own teaching?

3. Describe teacher qualities that you do not find appealing (as a student or a teacher) and explain why not.

4. Have you taken a foreign language pedagogy or methods class? If yes, please describe briefly.

5. Please describe your teaching philosophy (or how you might envision it, if you have not taught before).
