

# **Earn Graduate-level Credit through the Online MA in Spanish Program at NMSU while Attending the AATSP Conference in Denver!**

**The Online MA in Spanish at New Mexico State University (NMSU) is pleased to offer this unique opportunity to all AATSP Conference attendees.**

## **General Information**

**All graduate credits offered to attendees at the AATSP annual conference will be offered through New Mexico State University in conjunction with its Online MA in Spanish Program. Information about that program and the specific courses follows.**

### **Program Accreditation and Course Credit**

**In 2007 the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at NMSU approved a proposal to begin the Online MA in Spanish program and funded the effort with seed money to form, train, and recruit students and faculty for the program. As part of the process, the program also received the approval of the Dean of the Graduate School at NMSU. Thus, the program is fully approved with NMSU. New Mexico State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. This means that the courses taken through the Online MA in Spanish program have the same credibility, accreditation, and rigor as any other degree at NMSU, either on campus or online.**

**Upon completion of course(s) taken through the Online MA in Spanish, attendees may request a transcript from NMSU and the course appears on the official transcript with graded credit. There is no annotation as to whether this course was done online or on campus.**

**Please consider these Policies and Procedures for Receiving Credits through the AATSP-NMSU Online Graduate Credit Program:**

## **Credits through the NMSU Online MA in Spanish Program**

AATSP Conference attendees wishing to receive graduate-level credit may do so through the Online MA in Spanish program without being accepted to the degree program. Attendees wishing to receive credit do, however, have to apply to be admitted to NMSU as non-degree seeking students. Please follow the steps below in the “Procedures” section in order to enroll properly. For future conferences, attendees already enrolled in the AATSP-NMSU Online Graduate Credit Program, need not apply again. However, should an attendee wish to continue the Online MA in Spanish degree taking other courses not associated with the AATSP Annual Conference, they must do so by formally with a separate packet and can be viewed by clicking here and following the link: “Master of Arts in Spanish Online.”

### **Costs**

All conference attendees desiring to enroll in the AATSP-NMSU Online Graduate Credit Program must pay the following (costs are subject to change on a yearly basis):

1. Application fee, currently \$40.00. This fee is a one-time application fee and attendees will not have to pay it for graduate credit associated with additional future conferences. New participants in the AATSP-NMSU Online Graduate Credit Program will pay the current application fee rate. Returning participants will not be required to make this payment.
2. Approximately \$300 per credit hour, or whatever the current tuition rate per credit hour is, keeping in mind that tuition fluctuates and is not under the control of the AATSP-NMSU Online Graduate Credit Program. This tuition rate is being offered as if attendees were New Mexico residents. This rate can be offered because the conference attendees are taking less than nine (9) credit hours at one time. The program offers a one-credit course and a three-credit course. Attendees wishing to receive 3 credits would pay approximately \$900 (application fee plus fee for three credits). Again, for returning attendees/students at future conferences, the application fee would not be necessary.

### **Courses Offered for Summer 2015**

Spanish 597 (Workshop W-4)  
Spanish for Heritage Learners: Advanced Teaching  
Strategies – 3 credits

Spanish 507 (Workshop W-5)  
Technology Enhanced Language Learning – 3 credits

## **Course Content**

In essence, this AATSP-NMSU Online Graduate Credit Program provides the opportunity for conference attendees to apply everything they do at the conference in a practical way.

Workshop W-4 on Heritage Learners will be a half-day long workshop dealing with motivating the heritage learner population to maintain, value, and polish all varieties of the language. The biggest challenge being meeting the needs of such a diverse population with different dialects and communities. It will discuss curriculum, classes, assessment processes, placement, and tools used to serve this student population. For specific questions on this workshop, please contact Dr. Gabriela Moreno at: [gamoreno@nmsu.edu](mailto:gamoreno@nmsu.edu)

Workshop W-5 will examine the use of technology to enhance language learning as it applies to teaching Spanish. The course will explore ways to use emerging technologies in useful ways in the language classroom. This year, we will have a day-long, hands-on workshop to explore specific ways to use all types of computers, tablets, and smartphones in the classroom. Participants will need to provide their own technology. For specific information on this workshop, please contact Prof. Jeff Longwell at: [jelongwe@nmsu.edu](mailto:jelongwe@nmsu.edu)

## **Course Requirements**

**Conference registration and attendance.** All individuals applying for Graduate Credit through NMSU must register for the AATSP conference for the year in question and attend the required session/workshop(s) for that conference year. Attendees may select to do one or both of the workshops.

**At-conference, and post-conference work.** While the course syllabi will give more specifics, this year the courses will use the NMSU sponsored workshops at the AATSP conference as an integral part of the course. After the conference, there will be follow-up work and projects to be completed.

**Contact hours.** The 3 credit classes will require 50 contact hours. This will involve at-conference work (attending sessions, excursions, other events) and post-conference follow-up online.

**At-conference Work.** At conference work will include the following:

- Attend the appropriate half-day (W-4) and/or the day-long workshop (W-5) sponsored by NMSU Online MA in Spanish.
- A minimum attendance at a combination of 20 hours of

conference sessions, workshops and/or excursions.

- Journal entries online in BLOG format that cover the sessions, events, excursions, etc. and how these apply to the topic of the course(s).

**Post-conference Work.** Post-conference work will include the following:

- Journal entries online in BLOG format that present the sessions, events, excursions, etc. and how these apply to the topic of the course(s).
- A thought/research paper/proposal on how attendee intends to use the information gathered on the course in the future. This paper/proposal would ask for summaries of conference sessions attended.

## Procedures

As an attendee at the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual AATSP Conference in Denver, you are able to receive graduate-level college credit to enhance your professional skills and advancement. The procedures for enrolling in the AATSP-NMSU for credit program are as follows:

Note for returning attendees that have already received credit in previous years. Please skip step 1 and go to step 2.

1. Apply to be admitted as a non-degree seeking student at NMSU. The process is simple, just visit the following link, fill out the application, and submit it with a copy of your most recent university transcripts. This is a one-time process, the next time you attend an AATSP conference and wish to receive credit, there is no need to complete this step.

### [Graduate School Application](#)

When filling out the application, please be sure to select the non-degree seeking (or undeclared or unclassified) option under the enrollment status section, and Master of Arts under the expected degree section (this is done even if no degree is desired or expected. For the non-degree seeking option, we require no letters of recommendation and no GRE test scores.

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS TO THE GRADUATE ADMISSIONS OFFICE REFERENCED ON THE APPLICATION. PLEASE DO NOT FORWARD ANY MATERIALS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS.**

2. Once you have completed the first step, and have received confirmation of acceptance, please send an email to Prof. Jeff Longwell at:

[jelongwe@nmsu.edu](mailto:jelongwe@nmsu.edu) so that the Online MA in Spanish program is aware of your interest to be enrolled in the AATSP-NMSU for-credit program. **THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT STEP SO WE CAN KEEP TRACK OF THOSE ATTENDEES INTERESTED IN RECEIVING CREDIT.** We will email you updates as to what to do.

3. Class registration opens in April and will run right up until the course begins at the first part of July. Please note, that you will need to be enrolled in the course **PRIOR** to the conference – there is **NO** on-site registration for the for-credit program (See earlier sections on Courses Offered, Course Content and Course Requirements for more details). Again, please email Prof. Longwell with your intent as to which course you will be taking.

4. Wait for confirmation that you may enroll. Once you have received confirmation to enroll, please follow the instructions on this page. You will also find instructions there on making payment for the course.

5. Pay the appropriate course fees once you are enrolled in the course.

6. Close to the date the course will commence, you will receive a welcome email with more instructions. After that you will log on to Canvas @ NMSU and follow instructions given in the course syllabus.

**IMPORTANT NOTICES:** Attendees wishing receive credit must complete **ALL** their application materials by the pre-conference registration deadline. There is **NO** credit registration available on-site. Simply registering for the AATSP Conference does not automatically enroll you in the for-credit program, you must complete all of the proceeding steps.

If you have any questions, please contact Prof. Jeff Longwell, AATSP-NMSU for credit program coordinator at: [jelongwe@nmsu.edu](mailto:jelongwe@nmsu.edu)

**We hope to see you online and in Denver!**