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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY – HISPANIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES – 2025-26
HISPANIC LITERATURES SPECIALIZATION (CONTINUING STUDENTS)

In addition to departmental requirements, candidates for graduate degrees must fulfill University requirements described in the “Graduate Education” section of the UCSB General Catalog.

*The following requirements are for continuing students who received their M.A. in Spanish (Hispanic Literatures Specialization) at UCSB. Students must complete at least **36.0** units, 28 of which must be in the graduate series. Courses taken at the M.A. level can be used to fulfill any of these requirements, but students must take a minimum of 36 total units. In addition to these requirements, students are encouraged to take additional courses, including courses offered in other departments. All students are expected to maintain a GPA of at least 3.0. Students must take courses for a letter grade to achieve the minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 required to remain in good standing. Students must receive a grade of B or better in a required course for it to count toward fulfillment of departmental degree requirements.*

Graduate committee approval is required for students to take independent study courses, graduate courses outside the department, and/or undergraduate courses. Students should refer to the Graduate Student Handbook for further guidance and additional requirements when enrolling in these types of courses.

Time-to-degree: 4 years to advance to candidacy, 6 years to complete the degree

CORE COURSE REQUIREMENTS (36.0 units minimum)			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	GRADE
SPAN 294 A-B*	Research Seminar in Spanish American Literature	8.0	
SPAN 295 A-B*	Research Seminar in Spanish Literature	8.0	
Two graduate courses in Portuguese and Brazilian Literatures*		4.0	
		4.0	
One graduate course in US Latino/-a literature*		4.0	
One of the following two possibilities (1 or 2). Independent study courses may not fulfill this requirement: 1. At least <u>two</u> courses in <u>two</u> different fields of Peninsular Spanish literature (Medieval, Golden Age, 18 th -19 th Century, 20 th -21 st Century), plus at least <u>one</u> course in Spanish American literature (Colonial, 19 th Century, 20 th -21 st Century) 2. At least <u>two</u> courses in <u>two</u> different fields of Spanish American literature (Colonial, 19 th Century, 20 th -21 st Century), plus at least <u>one</u> course in Peninsular Spanish literature (Medieval, Golden Age, 18 th -19 th Century, 20 th -21 st Century)		4.0	
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**If not taken previously.*

INDEPENDENT STUDY			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	GRADE

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Students may complete a maximum of 8 units of Independent Study courses between the completion of the M.A. and the Ph.D. Qualifying Examination. Within these 8 units, M.A. students may take Spanish 597 only once and for a maximum of 4 units.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT AND EXAMINATION

All students are required to demonstrate a reading knowledge of another language other than Spanish, Portuguese, and English. In order to fulfill this requirement the student must take the Foreign Language Examination, in which the student is asked to translate a text in a foreign language. The text should be approximately 300-400 words in length and the student has a limit of two hours to complete the translation.

Date exam completed (mm/dd/yy): _____ Language: _____

PHD QUALIFYING EXAMINATION/ADVANCEMENT TO CANDIDACY

The objective of the Ph.D. Qualifying Examination is to assess the candidate's knowledge of the Core and Supplementary Reading Lists, and the student's mastery of the general topic that will constitute the basis for the Ph.D. dissertation. Overall, the student must demonstrate that they have the necessary scholarly preparation and skills to carry out independent research.

The Ph.D. Qualifying Examination is normally taken during the Spring term of the 2nd year of the Ph.D. The examination is based on the Core and Supplementary Reading lists and it will consist of a written part and an oral part, administered on two different days.

Upon passing both parts of the examination (written and oral) the student advances to candidacy. If the student fails any part of the examination, the student will be allowed to retake it one more time and no later than the 8th week of the following quarter.

Exam passed on (date): _____

DISSERTATION

By the 7th week of the quarter following the Ph.D. Qualifying Examination, the student will submit the Dissertation Proposal. No later than 3 weeks after submitting the Proposal, the student will do an oral presentation to the Dissertation Committee for approval.

The final requirement for the doctoral program is for the candidate to complete a dissertation, which must be an original work based on independent research. The student must meet formally with the full Dissertation Committee at least once per year in order to assess the progress of the dissertation. When all of the corrections and revisions have been made, a final version will be submitted to the Committee for approval. After the Dissertation Committee has approved the dissertation, the student will file the dissertation according to university guidelines.