

DEPARTMENT OF SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE

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College of Letters and Science

University of California, Santa Barbara

Student Name: _____

Perm: _____

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY – HISPANIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES – 2025-26
HISPANIC LITERATURES SPECIALIZATION (Ph.D. ONLY)

The following degree requirements apply to those students entering the doctoral program with a Master's degree from another institution.

The Graduate Committee will decide whether the student can be admitted directly into the Ph.D. program or must fulfill additional M.A. course requirements. By the end of the 1st quarter in residence the Graduate Program Advisor will inform the student of this decision in writing.

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

Forty-four (44.0) units are required, or a minimum of 36 units with acceptable substitutions. Students who have earned an M.A. degree elsewhere may petition to the Graduate Committee to substitute an equivalent course or courses (up to 8 units) taken at another institution for any of the requirements listed below except Spanish 294A-B and Spanish 295A-B. 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.

Time-to-degree (w/ M.A. from other institution): 2 years to advance to candidacy, 5 years to complete the degree.

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.

CORE COURSE REQUIREMENTS (44.0 units total)			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	GRADE
SPAN 212	Theories and Methodologies for Literary Studies	4.0	
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	
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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)		4.0	
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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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INDEPENDENT STUDY			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	GRADE

Students may complete a maximum of 8 units of Independent Study courses.

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 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.