

DEPARTMENT OF SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE

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College of Letters and Science

University of California, Santa Barbara

Student Name: _____

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

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 degree requirements are for new students who are entering the doctoral degree program with a Master’s degree from another institution. 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. In addition to the requirements indicated below, students are highly encouraged to take additional courses, including courses offered in other departments.

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, and/or graduate courses outside the department. 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)			
Please note: Courses that combine Portuguese and Brazilian Literature count for either the Portuguese or Brazilian requirement but not both simultaneously.			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	GRADE
Two (2) two-quarter research seminars in Portuguese and Brazilian Literature*		4.0	
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PORT/SPAN 212	Theories and Methodologies for Literary Studies	4.0	
Eight units in two different fields of Portuguese Literatures.			
PORT 220	Environmental Humanities and the Lusophone World	4.0	
PORT 265	Studies in Fernando Pessoa and the Avant-Garde		
PORT 283AA-ZZ	Individual Luso-Brazilian Authors and Special Topics		
PORT 295A-B	Research Seminar in Portuguese and Brazilian Literature		
PORT 594	Special Topics	4.0	
PORT 595AA-ZZ	Directed Teaching of Literature/Linguistics		
PORT 597AA-ZZ	Individual Study for Master’s Comprehensive or Ph.D. Examination		
PORT 599	Ph.D. Dissertation Research & Preparation		
Eight units in two different fields of Luso-Brazilian Literature.			
PORT 220	Environmental Humanities and the Lusophone World	4.0	
PORT 255	Studies on Machado de Assis and the Brazilian Novel		
PORT 283AA-ZZ	Individual Luso-Brazilian Authors and Special Topics		

PORT 295A-B	Research Seminar in Portuguese and Brazilian Literature	4.0	
PORT 594	Special Topics		
PORT 595AA-ZZ	Directed Teaching of Literature/Linguistics		
PORT 596	Directed Reading and Research		
PORT 597AA-ZZ	Individual Study for Master's Comprehensive or Ph.D. Examination		
PORT 599	Ph.D. Dissertation Research & Preparation		
Eight units in Spanish Literature or Spanish American Literature		4.0	
		4.0	

**Only after having completed the required two (2) two-quarter research seminars in Portuguese or Brazilian Literature (Port 295A-B) students may use Port 295A or Port 295B as separate courses to satisfy other requirements. Independent Studies cannot be used to replace Research Seminar classes. Students in the Portuguese and Brazilian Literatures Program are allowed to take independent studies in lieu of required courses only by advance approval of the Luso-Brazilian Committee. In addition, SPAN 590 cannot be taken as an independent studies course.*

INDEPENDENT STUDY			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	GRADE

Students may complete a maximum of 8 units of Independent Study courses prior to completing the Ph.D. Qualifying Examination. Within these 8 units, M.A. students may take Portuguese 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.
Exam completed (mm/dd/yy): _____ Language: _____

Ph.D. 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 will consist of a written part, comprised of a 20-page academic article (approximately 5000 words) on the topic of the student's dissertation, and an oral part. The oral examination will be organized into two sections: an oral presentation answering one of the two questions based on the Reading List, and an exposition of their academic article. Upon submitting the 20-page academic article and passing both parts of the oral exam, the student advances to candidacy. Should the student fail any part of the oral exam, they will be given a second chance to retake it during the 8th or 9th week of the Fall quarter of the following year.
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 Dissertation Committee 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.