

Student Name: _____

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MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) Plan II (Comprehensive Exam) – SPANISH – 2025-26
HISPANIC LITERATURES SPECIALIZATION

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 student must complete a minimum of **36.0 units**, 28 of which must be in the graduate series, and the remaining 8 may be upper-division courses. A maximum of 2 graduate or upper division courses (8 units) in Portuguese or Brazilian Literature may count toward the M.A. degree. Two elective courses are allowed upon approval by the Graduate Advisor. All students are expected to maintain a GPA of at least 3.0. Student 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. The time-to-degree: M.A. students have two years to complete the degree.*

CORE COURSE REQUIREMENTS (28.0 units total)			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	GRADE
SPAN 212	Research Methodologies and Theories of Literature	4.0	
SPAN 294 A-B OR SPAN 295 A-B	Research Seminar in Spanish Literature	8.0	
A minimum of 8 units (two courses) in two or more of the following areas: Peninsular Medieval, Golden Age, 18 th -19 th Century, 20 th -21 st Century		4.0	
		4.0	
A minimum of 8 units (two courses) in two or more of the following areas: Spanish American Colonial, 19 th Century, 20 th -21 st Century		4.0	
		4.0	

Students in the Hispanic Literatures Program are not allowed to take Independent Study courses in lieu of required courses.

ELECTIVE COURSES (8.0 units total)			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	GRADE
		4.0	
		4.0	

INDEPENDENT STUDY			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	GRADE

Students may complete a maximum of 8 units of independent studies courses before passing their M.A. examination, with no more than 4 units during the same quarter. Within these 8 units, M.A. students may take Spanish 597 (Preparation for the Comprehensive Examination) only once and for a maximum of 4 units.

PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Students are required to demonstrate a reading knowledge of Portuguese. The exam will be administered at the end of every winter quarter. This requirement may be fulfilled in the first or second year. Exam completed (mm/dd/yy): _____

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

The objective of the M.A. Comprehensive Examination is to assess the student's general knowledge in all areas of study included in the M.A. Reading List, as well as the student's ability for textual analysis and writing and oral skills in the main language of specialization. The examination should be taken by the end of the second year. The committee in charge of administering the exam will consist of the Faculty Graduate Advisor and three additional faculty members appointed by the Faculty Graduate Advisor.

The examination consists of a written part and an oral part. All of the examination questions (both written and oral) will be related to works included in the M.A. reading list. Upon completion of the oral examination the student will be informed of the results, which may be: passed both the written and oral part, passed only one part, or failed both parts. If a 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.

Comprehensive exam completed (mm/dd/yy): _____

M.A. Committee: Chair: _____

Member: _____

Member: _____

Member: _____

POST-MASTER'S ASSESSMENT

Upon completion of the Master's degree, the faculty will assess the student's overall progress in graduate study. The student should submit the following documentation as input to the review: Master's exam, unofficial transcript, and teaching evaluations. The student will receive a written evaluation of the faculty's assessment of their development, their promise for independent, innovative, and original research, and completion of doctoral study.

M.A. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED: _____
Quarter/Year

DEPT GRADUATE ADVISOR SIGNATURE: _____

Print Name

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Admission status	
Residence requirement-minimum 3 quarters (<i>verify departmental requirement</i>)	
Required units completed	
Language requirement Satisfied (<i>if required</i>)	
No grades of I, NR, or NG	
3.0 or better GPA overall	
Registered quarter of degree or Filing Fee LOA: _____	
Master's Form I / COI and committee entered	
Master's Thesis date received (<i>signature page/e-filed and entered in SReg</i>): _____	
Master's Thesis Submission Fee: _____	
ProQuest ID _____ Permission Ltrs uploaded?	
Master's Degree Awarded (mm/dd/yy)	