

DEPARTMENT OF SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE

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College of Letters and Science

University of California, Santa Barbara

Student Name: _____

Perm: _____

MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) Plan II (Comprehensive Exam) – PORTUGUESE – 2025-26
PORTUGUESE AND BRAZILIAN LITERATURE 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 graduate units**. 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
PORT/SPAN 212	Theories and Methodologies for Literary Studies	4.0	
PORT 295 A-B	Research Seminar in Portuguese and Brazilian Literature	8.0	
One additional two-quarter research seminar in Portuguese and/or Brazilian Literature		8.0	
One course (4 units) in Portuguese Literature, including courses that combine both Brazilian or Lusophone Literatures around the world. PORT 220 Environmental Humanities and Lusophone World PORT 265 Studies on Fernando Pessoa and the Avant-Garde PORT 283AA-ZZ Individual Luso-Brazilian Authors and Special Topics PORT 594 Special Topics PORT 596 Directed Reading and Research PORT 597AA-ZZ Individual Study for Master's Comprehensive or Ph.D. Examination		4.0	
One course in Brazilian Literature including courses that combine both Portuguese and Lusophone Literatures around the world. PORT 220 Environmental Humanities and the Lusophone World PORT 255 Studies on Machado de Assis and the Brazilian Novel PORT 283AA-ZZ Individual Luso-Brazilian Authors and Special Topics PORT 594 Special Topics PORT 596 Directed Reading and Research PORT 597AA-ZZ Individual Study for Master's Comprehensive or Ph.D. Examination		4.0	

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 study course.

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 MA examination, with no more than 4 units during the same quarter.

SPANISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT
Students are required to demonstrate a reading knowledge of Spanish. The exam will be administered at the end of every winter quarter. This requirement may be fulfilled in the 1st or 2nd year. Exam completed (mm/dd/yy): _____

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT
All students are required to demonstrate a reading comprehensive knowledge of another language other than Spanish, Portuguese, and English. Exam completed (mm/dd/yy): _____ Language: _____

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 be the Luso-Brazilian Committee. If needed, it is the prerogative of this committee to invite an outside member. 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: _____

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 for 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)	