

**Preliminary Stage of the Doctoral Program
For Students Entering without an MA degree**

****Students holding an MA degree in a subject area other than Spanish must take the Comprehensive Examination and present a writing sample to their committee. Students may petition for up to eight graduate courses used for the Master's degree to count toward the Ph.D.**

1) COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Eleven courses, **nine** of which must be graduate level (numbered 200-290), are required for the preliminary stage of the doctoral degree. Course 495 may count as one of the upper division courses but not as a graduate course. Up to two graduate courses may be taken in another department with approval of the Graduate Affairs Committee. Spanish 596 may be taken only once.

If you choose the **Literature** concentration, you must take M201A (Literary Theory and Criticism) and one course in each of the following areas: 1) medieval Spanish literature; 2) Golden Age Spanish literature; 3) 18th- and 19th- Century Spanish literature; 4) 20th C. Spanish literature; 5) Colonial or 19th C. Spanish American literature; 6) 20th C. Spanish American literature; 7) Chicano literature; 8) 20th.C Spanish American literature, including Brazilian.

If you choose the **Linguistics** concentration, you must take an upper division or graduate course in literature offered by the department and ten elective courses. You should choose your electives carefully and in consultation with one or more faculty members of your choice, keeping in mind the areas you are intending to cover in the preliminary examinations.

Course	Topic or Title	Professor
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		

- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.

2) PRELIMINARY EXAMS

The preliminary examinations in **Literature** consist of **TWO** four-hour exams, one exam in peninsular Spanish literature and one exam in Latin American literature. The exams will be based on a **general reading** list provided to you at the time you enter the program.

The exams in **Linguistics** consist of **FOUR** two-hour exams. You choose four exam areas:

1. Spanish syntax
2. Portuguese syntax
3. Spanish phonology and morphology
4. Spanish diachronic and synchronic language variation
5. Spanish/Spanish-American literature
6. Luso-Brazilian literature

Reading lists are provided by appropriate faculty members of the Department when the examination areas are chosen. Make sure to discuss the reading lists with the individual professors to determine how best to prepare for their exams and what their expectations are. Exams will be given in **Spring Quarter only**. Dates for the exams will be announced at the beginning of the exam quarters.

**Copies of old exams are available in the graduate counselor's office.*

3) FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT: May be fulfilled by passing level 3 (or equivalent) of a language (other than English or Spanish) or by passing a university reading exam. Portuguese is recommended since it is a requirement for the next stage of the program.

Language: _____

When Completed: _____

4) FINAL STEPS OF THE PRELIMINARY STAGE

The quarter in which you are taking the preliminary examinations you must submit an **MA Advancement to Candidacy Petition**. On this form you will list the courses which will fulfill your course requirements for the MA degree.

When you complete all the requirements for the preliminary stage, the professors of the Department meet to evaluate your performance by considering the following:

1. Course work;
2. Results of the preliminary examinations;
3. A research paper written for a graduate course or seminar.

The Department will decide whether (a) you have earned the MA degree and may proceed to the second stage of the PhD; (b) you have earned a terminal MA degree (i.e. you may not proceed to the second stage of the doctoral program); or (c) you have not qualified to earn the MA degree.