

PORTUGUESE

**Department of Spanish and Portuguese
University of California, Los Angeles
Worksheet #2**

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

****Students holding an MA degree in a subject area other than Portuguese 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. degree.**

1) COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Eleven courses, **eight** 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.

Portuguese 596 may be taken only once. If you choose the **Literature** concentration, you must take both M201A (Literary Theory and Criticism) and one upper division or graduate course in Spanish or Portuguese linguistics. If you choose the **Linguistics** concentration, you must take one 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 a graduate adviser, keeping in mind the exam areas you are intending to cover in the preliminary examinations.

	Course	Topic or Title	Professor
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2) PRELIMINARY EXAMS

The preliminary examinations consist of **FOUR** two-hour exams. You choose four exams to take with at least three professors (within a concentration in Literature or Linguistics), two exams may be taken in one area as long as they're with different professors. The professors who write the exams that you choose to take become your de facto graduate committee. The following are the exam areas listed under each concentration:

Literature 1. Brazilian literature (Colonial and 19th Century)

2. Brazilian literature (20th Century)
3. Portuguese literature (Medieval – 18th C)
4. Portuguese and Lusophone African literature (19th and 20th C)
5. Spanish or Spanish-American literature
6. Portuguese linguistics

Linguistics 1. Portuguese syntax

2. Spanish syntax
3. Portuguese phonetics and morphology
4. Portuguese diachronic and synchronic language variation
5. Portuguese literature (Medieval – 18th C) or Portuguese Lusophone African literature (19th and 20th C)
6. 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 quarter.

**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 foreign language (other than English or Portuguese) or by passing a university reading exam. Spanish is recommended since it is a requirement for the next stage of your program.

Foreign 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 requirements for this 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 in Portuguese 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 phase of the PhD; (b) you have earned a terminal MA degree (i.e. you may not proceed to the second phase of the doctoral program); or (c) you have not qualified to earn the MA degree.