

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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College of Letters and Science

University of California, Santa Barbara

Student Name: _____

Perm: _____

MASTER OF ARTS & DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY – RELIGIOUS STUDIES – 2022-23**M.A. PLAN I - Thesis (M.A./Ph.D. Students)**

In addition to departmental requirements, candidates for graduate degrees must fulfill University requirements described in the "Graduate Education" section of the UCSB General Catalog.

A total of **36.0** units are required for the Plan I master's degree. The department will only consider MA/Ph.D. or Ph.D. applicants for funding. The time-to-degree to complete the master's degree is two years.

CORE COURSE REQUIREMENTS (16.0 units total)

(RGST 201 plus three '200 Courses', RGST 200A-Z. The 200 Courses must be in different areas and with different instructors. All core courses must be completed with a letter grade of B or better.)

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	GRADE
RGST 201	Core Issues in the Study of Religion	4.0	
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AREA REQUIREMENT (12.0 units)

(Three graduate seminars, all letter grade B or better)

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ELECTIVE UNITS (8.0 units)

(100-level or above, all letter grade B or better – only 596 counts as independent study)

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LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Students in the Master's program are expected to fulfill the department's foreign language requirement in French or German. The requirement may be met in a number of ways; please see the department's Graduate Handbook for further information.

- ☐ Native speaker
- ☐ Entering the program with requisite language preparation: a grade of B+ or higher in a sixth quarter, or higher, college foreign language course
- ☐ A grade of B+ or higher in the second term of a graduate reading knowledge course at UCSB (FR 11B, GER 2G)
- ☐ Passing a translation examination administered by the department's foreign language faculty

Language: _____
 Requirement satisfied on (mm/dd/yy): _____

CAPSTONE REQUIREMENT	
<p>All students are expected to write an original M.A. thesis, which must be approved by each member of the master's committee. Faculty encourage article-length M.A. theses, modeled after journal articles for the appropriate subfields of religious studies.</p>	
<p>M.A. Committee: Chair: _____</p>	
<p>Member: _____</p>	
<p>Member: _____</p>	

<p>M.A. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Quarter/Year</p>
<p>DEPT GRADUATE ADVISOR SIGNATURE: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Print Name</p>

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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)	

Ph.D. (M.A./Ph.D. Students)

Time-to-degree (Track 1): 4 years to advance to candidacy, 7 years to complete the degree

Time-to-degree (Track 2): 5 years to advance to candidacy, 8 years to complete the degree

Track depends on the degree and intensity of required language study. Please see Graduate Student Handbook for more information.

Requirements for the Ph.D. beyond the UCSB requirements for the M.A. in Religious Studies.

RESEARCH METHODS REQUIREMENT (4.0 units)

(A four-unit course on methodology that may be taken either within the Department of Religious Studies or from an outside department, according to a pre-approved list or by petition)

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	GRADE
		4.0	

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Doctoral students must complete a second examination in a modern or classical language in which a substantive religious studies bibliography exists: either French or German [depending on the language chosen to fulfill the M.A. requirement], or a language appropriate to their cultural area of concentration.

Note that depending on the student's area of study, competence in additional classical or ancient languages may also be required.

Language:	
Date requirement fulfilled:	

Ph.D. QUALIFYING EXAMS

FIELD EXAMINATIONS

(in consultation with a doctoral advisor and committee,
no less than three field examinations in their areas of specialization.)

AREA	DATE

Ph.D. Prospectus approved: _____
Date

Oral Qualifying Exam Passed: _____
Date

Advanced to Candidacy: _____
Quarter/year

DISSERTATION REQUIREMENT

A dissertation must be written under the supervision of the doctoral committee, demonstrating an ability to do significant research and scholarly analysis and to present findings and conclusions with precision and clarity. The dissertation must normally be completed within two to three years after passing the qualifying examination. The oral defense may be waived at the discretion of the doctoral committee.

Ph.D. Committee: Chair: _____

Member: _____

Member: _____

Member: _____

Member: _____