

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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College of Letters and Science

University of California, Santa Barbara

Student Name: _____

Perm: _____

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY – RELIGIOUS STUDIES – 2022-23

Ph.D. (students entering with an M.A. from another institution)

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 Ph.D. program in the Department of Religious Studies comprises a cross-cultural and multidisciplinary approach to the study of religion. The cross-cultural component of the program is concerned with the comparative study of religious traditions from among five cultural areas: Christian, Mediterranean, and European religious traditions; East Asian religious traditions; Jewish, Islamic, and Near Eastern religious traditions; religions of the Americas; and South Asian religious traditions. Students are expected to engage in multidisciplinary approaches to the study of religion and their concomitant methodologies: philosophical, historical, anthropological, and sociological.

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 Handbook for more information.

CORE COURSE REQUIREMENTS (12.0 units total)

(RGST 201 plus two ‘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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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, with a letter grade B or better)

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	GRADE
		4.0	

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Students in the Ph.D. 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): _____

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. or basic 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: _____