Students entering the doctoral program with a master's degree are expected to fulfill all of the requirements for the department’s M.A. in Chicana/o Studies. Students are required to complete 16.0 units of graduate coursework, to be selected in consultation with the student’s doctoral committee. Eight of those 16 units may be taken outside of the department. Courses for the degree must be taken for a letter grade, and passed with a grade of B or better. All students must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0. Students must complete the required coursework before advancing to candidacy. Time-to-Degree: 3 years & 1 quarter to advance to candidacy, and 6 years to complete degree.

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**DOCTORAL RESEARCH PROSPECTUS AND DEFENSE**

Completion of the dissertation prospectus and oral defense are the main requirements for advancement to Ph.D. Candidacy. These two requirements should be completed by the tenth quarter. The student in conjunction with the doctoral committee will schedule the defense of the dissertation prospectus.

Based on the performance in the doctoral research prospectus and defense, the department will: (1) issue an assessment of pass; (2) issue an assessment of conditional pass in which the student will have the option to make revisions to the prospectus; (3) issue an assessment of fail with no option to re-do the prospectus. Students who receive a conditional pass will be given the opportunity to re-work their prospectus by the end of the following quarter in which their prospectus was initially reviewed.

**Doctoral Committee:**
- Chair:
- Member:
- Member:
- Member:

Prospectus defense passed on (date):

Student’s chosen subfield(s):
The final requirement for the doctoral program is for the candidate to complete a dissertation, which must be an original work based on independent research. Once the dissertation is completed and turned into the dissertation committee, the student, in conjunction with the dissertation committee, must schedule a dissertation oral defense. The dissertation oral defense should take place during the eighteenth quarter. If additional time is needed, the dissertation committee must approve the new deadline. The dissertation doctoral defense is to be completed prior to the filing of the dissertation. The doctoral committee will tailor the defense to the student’s dissertation research and the defense will be open to the public.

Dissertation Oral Defense (date): ________________________________