DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY – FILM AND MEDIA STUDIES – 2021-22

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

This plan is for students who completed the M.A. in Film and Media Studies at UCSB. A total of 24.0 units are required for the Ph.D. program, drawn from designated elective courses*. These courses must be taken for a letter grade and passed with a grade of B or better. All students need to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 to be in good academic standing. Students must, sometime during the second or third year, investigate potential locations for off-campus research. Time-to-Degree: 4 years to advance to candidacy, 6 years to complete the Ph.D.

### REQUIRED COURSES (24.0 units total)

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### FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

All candidates for the Ph.D. degree must demonstrate proficiency in a second language before receiving their degree. The standard is reading knowledge, and the required level of proficiency will be determined by the dissertation chair, and approved by the departmental graduate committee. This is a general requirement for the Ph.D. degree; thus, any language courses that a student takes must be in addition to the required 24 units for the Ph.D.-only degree. (Units taken to fulfill this requirement do not count towards the degree.) Students can complete this requirement in the following ways:

1) Completion of a language course at the intermediate level (4) with a minimum grade of B+; or,

2) Completion of an upper-division literature course conducted in a foreign language with a minimum grade of B+; or,

3) Completion of a foreign language reading course for graduate students with a minimum grade of B+; or,

4) Passing a Foreign Language Evaluation Exam at reading proficiency level as administered and determined by the respective language department (see relevant contacts on graduate program website); or,

5) Alternatives such as petitioning for fulfillment based on previous coursework and/or language proficiency; Fulbright study; successfully passing and completing a Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS); online courses from an approved institution; or other options
Language Requirement Satisfied (Quarter/Year): __________________________

Notes:

* With the approval of the departmental Graduate Committee, in the first three years of the M.A./Ph.D. program the student may take for elective credit: up to five graduate courses in other departments, up to three 596 courses in Film and Media Studies or other departments, and up to two Film and Media Studies upper-division undergraduate courses. FAMST 598 does not count toward elective credit.

**DOCTORAL COMMITTEE AND EXAMINATIONS**

By the end of spring quarter of the third year of the M.A./Ph.D. program, the student must form a doctoral committee and select a dissertation topic and three areas of specialization relating to the dissertation topic developed in consultation with the committee.

Doctoral committees must consist of four or five UC Academic Senate faculty, three or four from Film and Media Studies, one of whom will be appointed as chair or co-chair. There must also be a member from outside the department.

**Doctoral Committee:** Chair: ____________________________

Member: ____________________________

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By the end of the fall quarter of the fourth year of the M.A./Ph.D. program, the student must pass a written examination administered by the doctoral committee covering the three areas of specialization and pass an oral defense of the exams and a written prospectus. The student will then advance to candidacy.

Exams Passed on (Quarter/Year): ____________________________

During the remainder of the fourth year the student will be encouraged to study at a research site abroad or in the U.S. for a period of between three and six months.
The final requirement for the Ph.D. is for the candidate to complete a dissertation, which must be an original work based on independent research. Students are expected to defend their dissertation orally before the dissertation committee.

**Doctoral Committee:**

Chair: __________________________

Member: ________________________

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