

Student Name: _____ Perm: _____

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY – HISTORY – 2022-23

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

Students in the doctoral program must enroll for at least six regular academic quarters on the UCSB campus pursuing a program of full-time study (12 units each quarter) and research. Three consecutive quarters of this residency must be completed in regular session before advancement to candidacy.

*Students must complete 24 units of history research seminars, 8 units of which can be taken from the M.A. requirements. Check with the graduate program assistant for credited seminars. Students must take at least one graduate course in each of the four areas presented for examination (research seminars and courses taken while in the M.A. program satisfy this requirement), and a graduate course in historiography (History 202) if such a course has not been taken prior to admission to the doctoral program. Doctoral students in American history must take History 292A-B-C, in addition to the 24 units of research seminars. Doctoral Students with History of Science as the primary (first or second) examination field must take the core reading seminars (History 201HS and 201HT); the 277A/B research seminar (satisfies 8 of the 24-unit research seminar requirement); and one additional reading seminar offered by a HOS faculty member other than the student’s 201HS, 201HT, or 277A/B instructors. Students with History of Science as the third examination field must take one of the core reading seminars (History 201HS or 201HT) and one additional seminar (reading or research) from a HOS faculty member. All students will be required to qualify for and (subject to the availability of funds) hold a teaching assistantship or a research assistantship as part of the preparation for the Ph.D. degree.
 Time-to-Degree: 5 years to advance to candidacy, 8 years to complete the Ph.D.*

RESEARCH SEMINARS (24.0 units total)			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	GRADE
		4.0	
		4.0	
		4.0	
		4.0	
		4.0	
		4.0	

HISTORIOGRAPHY COURSE (4.0 units total)			
HIST 202	Historical Methods	4.0	

AMERICAN HISTORY REQUIREMENT (12.0 units total) (FOR STUDENTS IN THE AMERICAN HISTORY FIELD ONLY)			
HIST 292A		4.0	
HIST 292B		4.0	
HIST 292C		4.0	

HISTORY OF SCIENCE REQUIREMENT (16.0 units total) (FOR STUDENTS IN THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE FIELD ONLY)			
HIST 201HS		4.0	
HIST 201HT		4.0	
HIST 277A/B		8.0	
Reading Seminar			

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT*

The department requires candidates for advanced degrees to demonstrate reading competence in at least one foreign language. The requirement may be satisfied in one of the following ways:

- A score on a UCSB foreign language department's undergraduate placement exam sufficient to place the student out of the sixth quarter of that department's undergraduate language sequence (the department recommends that students unsure of their proficiency try this option first)
- A grade of B+ or higher in a sixth quarter (or higher) undergraduate foreign language course taken at UCSB
- A grade of B+ or higher in the second term of a graduate reading knowledge course at UCSB
- Passing a two-hour written translation examination administered by the department's foreign language committee.

Requirement satisfied on (date/quarter): _____

*Students should plan to satisfy the departmental foreign language requirement as soon as possible, but no later than the end of the second year in the doctoral program. No student will be allowed to take the general examinations for the Ph.D. without having completed the departmental language requirement, as well as any additional language requirements required by the major professor.

GENERAL EXAMINATIONS

Upon satisfying their foreign language requirements, students will be eligible to start taking their general examinations. In consultation with their advisors, candidates will form an Examination Committee which will supervise preparation in four fields of study. Students prepare under their major professor a primary field that provides the intellectual basis for the dissertation. In addition, students prepare two secondary fields within the department's Ph.D. fields focused on comparative topics and thematic connections. Both of these secondary fields should contribute significant breadth to the student's training (in terms of period, cultures, and geographical areas) and at least one should cover an area or time period outside the student's primary field. Finally, students prepare a fourth, complementary field, which is either (a) a research field or methodology within the discipline of history, or (b) a cognate field outside the discipline of history (the latter requires work with faculty in another academic department).

Students will undergo formal examination in these four fields, with at least two written examinations in the first three fields. The specific arrangements of the field examinations will be determined by the examination committee and approved by the Director of Graduate Studies. Passing grades are B and above (B- fails). Students may retake the examination one time in an effort to improve the result. If students elect to retake the exam, they must retake the entire exam. A student must obtain approval from the Director of Graduate Study to take the exam a third time. The written examinations in history must be completed within a period of two quarters. Each of the written examinations will be of eight hours' duration. Within one month of passing the last of these written examinations, the student must take an oral examination in all four fields. The minimum time allotted for this examination is ninety minutes, but the time period may be extended as warranted by the four examiners.

ADVANCEMENT TO CANDIDACY/DISSERTATION

Dissertation Committee: Upon successful completion of their general examinations, the student constitutes a dissertation committee which may (but need not) be composed of the same faculty as the examination committee. The dissertation committee will be made up of three UC Academic Senate faculty members, at least two of whom must be History faculty or faculty affiliated with the department.

Advancement to Candidacy: Within two months of passing their general examinations, the candidate must submit a dissertation prospectus before being advanced to candidacy. These prospectuses may vary, but usually are between 15-30 pages in length and are expected to demonstrate the potential scholarly value of the proposed topic and mastery of pertinent literature related to the topic. The prospectus must be approved by the dissertation committee before the student is advanced to candidacy.

Dissertation: The doctoral dissertation must be an original work of historical research in the field of the candidate's specialization. It must be in clear prose, have intellectual depth, and demonstrate a mastery of historical methodology. The dissertation will be supervised by the dissertation committee.

Doctoral Committee: Chair: _____

Member: _____

Member: _____

Member: _____

When the dissertation is completed, the candidate will normally conduct an oral defense of approximately two hours in length before the dissertation committee. The defense may be waived at the discretion of the dissertation committee.