



University of California, Santa Barbara
Program Learning Outcomes

PhD in Hispanic Languages and Literature

Students graduating with a PhD in Hispanic Language and Literatures should be able to:

(The Department of Spanish and Portuguese offers PhD programs in three specializations: Hispanic Literatures, Portuguese and Brazilian Literatures, and Iberian Linguistics. Unless specified otherwise the PLOs listed here apply to all three specializations).

Core Knowledge

- Demonstrate general understanding of the field and its historical development
 - *Hispanic, Portuguese and Brazilian Literatures*: periodization, canonical authors and texts, main critical practices.
 - *Iberian Linguistics*: sub-fields, theoretical approaches, canonical readings, correct methodology to treat and analyze linguistic data.
- Specialize in a specific sub-area of the profession. This encompasses mastery of the sub-area's concepts, ideas, and history, and of the practical skills necessary to conduct research and teaching in that specific sub-area.
- *Hispanic, Portuguese and Brazilian Literatures*: Obtain an adequate and up-to-date knowledge of broad disciplines related to the field, such as philosophy, aesthetics, history, etc.

Research Methods and Analysis

- Identify and describe the main theoretical and methodological practices used in scholarly research.
- Master specialized knowledge on how to apply and utilize some of the theoretical and methodological practices currently used in the field.
- Design and implement independent research projects.
- Discriminate the value and significance of bibliographical items related to specific research topics.
- Evaluate and analyze the theoretical and ethical implications of their research.

Pedagogy

- Prepare and plan courses both at the undergraduate and graduate levels.
- Promote and encourage critical discussion, thinking, and writing both in lectures and small sessions.
- Use current technologies in order to enhance the classroom experience.

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Scholarly Communication

- Deliver a coherent argument based on evidence and the current standards of the discipline.
- Be able to convey ideas in Spanish and/or Portuguese with ease and complexity.
- *Hispanic, Portuguese and Brazilian Literatures*: Assess the critical discourses that define contemporary research practices.

Professionalism

- Follow and respect appropriate standards of conduct in interactions with colleagues and students.
- Contribute to the service expectations of their departments.
- Attend conferences and publish articles as frequently as possible.
- Be responsive to professional feedback in a constructive manner.

Independent Research

- Utilize sound methodological tools.
- Produce scholarship that meets the rigor and intellectual scope of their best peers.