



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*

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- 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*

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- 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*

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- 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*

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- 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*

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- 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*

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