

DOCTORATE IN HISPANIC LANGUAGE AND LITERATURES

AY 2020-2021 Requirements

The below details the requirements of the doctoral program in Hispanic Language & Literatures as they stood in AY 2020-2021.

Students admitted to begin the doctoral program in September 2022 or later follow the ‘new’ requirements that went into effect in September 2021, NOT the requirements as detailed in this document. The ‘new’ requirements may be found in the most up to date student handbook, available online at <https://www.bu.edu/rs/resources/faculty/current-graduate-students/>.

Students who began their doctoral studies in September 2021 may choose to complete the program via either the ‘old’ or ‘new’ requirements. Students who began the program prior to September 2021 may optionally take the LP 631 and LP 632 classes if they wish, but they will complete their degree program according to the requirements as they stood during AY 2020-2021, which are detailed below.

Degree Requirements & Timeline

The PhD in Hispanic Language and Literatures provides students with thorough intellectual and professional preparation in a selected field of study. It allows students to conduct original research and to acquire critical skills in evaluating and using research materials. It also gives them experience in the acquisition, interpretation and communication of knowledge.

Prerequisites The minimum requirement for entry into the PhD program is a BA degree (or equivalent) with a concentration in Spanish or a related field, and an excellent command of written and spoken Spanish. Candidates entering the PhD program directly from the BA will complete the MA degree during their course of study, normally during the first two years. Many candidates enter the program in possession of an MA degree (or its equivalent) in Spanish or a related field.

Degree requirements The minimum requirements for the PhD in Hispanic Language and Literatures are:

- Sixteen courses on Hispanic literatures, literary theory, or cultural studies at the 500-level or above. Students are required to enroll in all 800-level seminars offered by the Department, normally two per semester, but may petition the DGS to substitute a 500-level course if there is a compelling academic reason to do so. The department’s graduate level seminar on literary theory counts as one of the 16 classes. The department’s pedagogy classes (LL 690, LL 691, LL 699) do not.
- Successful completion of the Written Qualifying Examination sequence
- Successful completion Oral Qualifying Examination, including its written component
- Successful completion and defense of the Doctoral Dissertation
- Completion of the Curricular Practical Training requirement
- Completion of appropriate coursework and training in pedagogy, as per departmental

and GRS policies.

- Degree candidates are expected to possess native or near-native command of written and spoken Spanish.
- In addition to Spanish, students must demonstrate reading knowledge of at least one language other than English

Timeline to expected academic progress, PhD in Spanish, post MA entry

Semester	Sequence of program milestones
Fall Year 1	4 courses in Hispanic Literature and related, including the seminar on literary theory
Spring Year 1	3 courses in Hispanic Literature and related, plus LL690 pedagogy course
Fall Year 2	1 course in Hispanic Literature and related, plus LL691 course on language teaching Preparation of reading lists for written examinations Students begin teaching
Spring Year 2	LL691 course on language teaching First two 2 written qualifying examinations
Fall Year 3	Final written qualifying examination Oral examination (Qualifying Exam)
Spring Year 3	Dissertation Prospectus submitted to department, then GRS Beginning of Dissertation research and writing
Fall Year 4	Dissertation
Spring Year 4	Dissertation
Fall Year 5	Dissertation
Spring Year 5	Dissertation submission and defense

Timeline to expected academic progress, PhD in Spanish, post BA entry

Semester	Sequence of program milestones
Fall Year 1	4 courses in Hispanic Literature and related including the seminar on literary theory.

Spring Year 1	3 courses in Hispanic Literature and related, plus LL690 course on language teaching
Fall Year 2	3 courses in Hispanic Literature and related, plus LL691 course on language teaching Students begin teaching
Spring Year 2	3 courses in Hispanic Literature and related, plus LL691 course on language teaching
Fall Year 3	3 courses in Hispanic Literature and related Preparation of reading lists for written examinations
Spring Year 3	First 2 written qualifying examinations
Fall Year 4	Final written qualifying examination Oral examination (Qualifying Exam)
Spring Year 4	Dissertation Prospectus submitted to department, then GRS Beginning of Dissertation research and writing
Fall Year 5	Dissertation
Spring Year 5	Dissertation submission and defense (expected)

Timeline Addendum: Please note that while the timing is flexible, students must also complete the requirements of practical training and demonstration of reading knowledge in a second non-English language in order to graduate.