

HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT GRADUATE PROGRAM PROPOSAL: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

UPR-Mayagüez

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Proposal

- The proposed program is the Graduate Program in Cultural and Humanistic Studies of the Department of Humanities at the University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez (UPRM). The degrees to be conferred are the Master of Arts and the Doctor of Philosophy in Cultural and Humanistic Studies.
- M.A. program to begin as soon as approved: Ph.D. program expected to start 3-5 years after M.A.

Description

- Interweaves the classical orientation of humanistic studies in the liberal arts tradition with its critical, exploratory elaboration in the more recent field of cultural studies.
- Corresponds most closely to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) classification "Humanities/Humanistic Studies" (24.0103) while sharing the practical goals of the IPEDS classification "Intercultural/Multicultural and Diversity Studies" (30.2301).

Mission

“In a globalized world dominated by commerce and technology, the Program in Cultural and Humanistic Studies promotes a transcultural sensibility and provides critical training in the integrated study of diverse tendencies in the humanities and their historical interpretations. Taking advantage of the Caribbean, Puerto Rican and Latin American experience and of its potential to contribute originally both to the humanistic tradition as such and to the newer field of cultural studies, the Program builds bridges between cultural and humanistic studies and between those fields and the knowledge required for global citizenship through interdisciplinary approaches.”

Faculty

- Nineteen current professors (9 full, 4 associate, 6 assistant)
- Wide variety of specializations corresponding to Cultural and Humanistic Studies
- History of academic excellence, research and fund-raising
- No hires required to begin the program: may require 1-2 hires during the first five years
- Additional credit load can be covered by extra compensations or instructors teaching service courses

Courses

CORE

- CULTURAL STUDIES I
- CULTURAL STUDIES II
- HUMANISTIC STUDIES I
- HUMANISTIC STUDIES II
- RESEARCH METHODS
- MA THESIS
- DOCTORAL SEMINAR
- DOCTORAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH

ELECTIVE

- GENDER AND SEXUALITY THEORY
- CRITICAL RACE THEORY
- POPULAR CULTURE AND MASS MEDIA
- ART AND POWER
- COMPOSITION, EDITING AND PUBLISHING
- MULTILINGUAL RESEARCH
- UNIVERSITY TEACHING DEVELOPMENT
- SPECIAL TOPICS I & II
- ADVANCED SPECIAL TOPICS I & II

Admission Requirements

- Admission to the Master of Arts Program in Cultural and Humanistic Studies requires a Bachelor of Arts in Cultural and Humanistic studies or related field from an accredited institution of higher learning.
- Admission to the Doctoral Program requires a Master of Arts degree in Cultural and Humanistic studies or related field from a properly accredited institution of higher learning.
- Application materials will include a statement of purpose, a writing sample, an interview and the GRE or EXADEP. A bachelor's general and major degree minimum grade point average of 3.00 will be required of students applying for the Masters program.
- The Departmental Graduate Committee will elaborate a document with criteria for the consistent evaluation of the components of the admission application and the relative weight assigned to each component.

Graduation Requirements: M.A. w/ thesis

Candidates for an MA degree with a Master's thesis require the completion of 30 credits of course work and a Master's Thesis (at least 3 credits), divided according to the scheme below. The curriculum must be completed and approved with a minimum GPA of 3.00.

A. Curriculum

Cultural Studies I & II (core)	6 crs
Humanistic Studies I & II (core)	6 crs.
Research Methods (core)	3 crs.
Electives (up to 6 credits from other programs)	15 crs.
Master's Thesis	3-6 crs.
Total.....	33-36 crs.

B. Thesis

Completion and successful defense of a thesis on a theme selected by the student and approved by the Thesis Committee.

Graduation Requirements (M.A. w/ comps)

Candidates for an M.A. degree with comprehensive examinations require the completion of 36 credits of course work and comprehensive examinations.

A. Curriculum

Cultural Studies I & II (core)	6 crs
Humanistic Studies I & II (core)	6 crs.
Research Methods (core)	3 crs.
Electives (up to 6 credits from other programs)	21 crs.
Total.....	36 crs.

B. Comprehensive examination

Successful completion of comprehensive examinations designed with the candidate and approved by the Committee in accordance with *Certificación 09-09*.

Graduation Requirements:

Ph.D. with M.A. in ESCH

Candidates for a Ph.D. with an M.A. in ESCH (“M.A./Ph.D. track”) will complete 12 additional credits of coursework after the completion of the M.A., comprehensive examinations and the doctoral thesis (at least 6 credits).

M.A.

A. Curriculum

Cultural Studies I & II (core)	6 crs
Humanistic Studies I & II (core)	6 crs.
Research Methods (core)	3 crs.
Electives (up to 6 credits from other programs)	21 crs.
Total.....	36 crs.

B. Comprehensive examination

Successful completion of comprehensive examinations designed with the candidate and approved by the Committee in accordance with *Certificación 09-09*.

Graduation Requirements:

Ph.D. with M.A. in ESCH (cont.)

Ph.D.

A. Curriculum

Electives	12 crs.
Doctoral dissertation	6-18 crs.
Total (M.A. and Ph.D.).....	at least 54 crs.

B. Comprehensive examination

Successful completion of comprehensive examinations designed with the candidate and approved by the Committee in accordance with *Certificación 09-09*.

C. Dissertation

Proposal, completion and successful defense of a doctoral dissertation on a theme selected by the student and approved by the Dissertation Committee.

The Graduate Committee will furthermore require a minimum of one year of teaching experience of Ph.D. candidates as well as one accepted and one submitted publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

Graduation Requirements:

Ph.D. with M.A. other than ESCH

Candidates entering the Ph.D. program with an M.A. from a program other than the ESCH M.A. program will complete 36 credits of coursework (15 “residence requirement” credits and 21 elective credits) and will prepare a doctoral dissertation (at least 6 credits).

A. Curriculum

Core courses (transfer credits may be applied)	15 crs
Electives (up to 6 credits from other programs)	21 crs.
Doctoral dissertation	6-18 crs.
Total.....	at least 42 crs.

B. Comprehensive Examinations

Successful completion of comprehensive examinations designed with the candidate and approved by the Committee in accordance with *Certificación 09-09*.

C. Dissertation

Proposal, completion and successful defense of a doctoral dissertation on a theme selected by the student and approved by the Dissertation Committee.

The Graduate Committee will furthermore require a minimum of one year of teaching experience of Ph.D. candidates as well as one accepted and one submitted publication in a peer reviewed journal.

Graduate Program Proposal Committee Members, 2009-2013

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