

**Master’s Degree in Cultural and Humanistic Studies  
Degree Requirements**

To complete the Master’s Degree in Cultural and Humanistic Studies students need to approve a minimum of thirty-three credits. Of these thirty-three credits, fifteen will be comprised of core courses and fifteen of elective courses. The remaining requirements vary depending on the M.A. exit option. Three to six credits will be dedicated to thesis credits or to six additional credits of electives depending on the student’s choice of the two exit options, as described in the Graduate Students Office by-laws: Option I: Thesis, or Option III: Comprehensive Exam. The thesis option requires students to complete, approve and defend a thesis as the program exit requirement. The comprehensive exam option requires students to take an additional two courses (six additional credits of electives) and to pass a comprehensive exam that has a three-part written component and an oral presentation.

At least six credits for electives can be approved in courses outside of the program, as stipulated by the Office of Graduate Studies. As per university regulations, students are allowed to approve a maximum of nine credit hours in five thousand level courses.

The following tables describe the requirements for the different options.

1) Graduation requirements for the M.A. with thesis

Candidates for an M.A. degree with a Master’s thesis require the completion of 30 credits of course work and a Master’s Thesis (at least 3 credits of Thesis), 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 (6 credits in other areas)	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.

2) Graduation requirements for the M.A. with comprehensive examinations

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 (6 credits in other areas)	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*.

Neither exit option includes qualifying exams. Comprehensive examinations for the master's degree (Option III) will have an oral and written component and will include discussion or essay questions based on appropriately designed reading lists. Evaluation criteria for the comprehensive evaluation will be rigorously consistent with entry requirements for a future possible Ph.D. program.

Section G.6.A. of *Certificación 09-09* stipulates that the residency requirements for the master's degree are to "have completed a minimum of two academic semesters in the RUM and have approved at least seventy percent of the credits of the program."