

**Comparative Literature Program
University of California, Santa Barbara
PhD Degree requirements**

For students who entered the program *prior to Fall 2009*:

UCSB Graduate Division Graduate Policies and Procedures Handbook (GPPH):

http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/handbook/documents/Grad_Policies_Handbook_08_09_FINAL_08.pdf

Comparative Literature Program Graduate Student Handbook:

<http://www.complit.ucsb.edu/05graduate-student-handbook/>

Graduate Council and Graduate Division requirements:

Time to Degree

The Graduate Council has determined the following guidelines to be used by all departments in ensuring students timely completion of a doctoral degree:

- four years from beginning graduate study at UCSB to advance to doctoral candidacy
- seven years total to complete a doctoral degree (**please note, normative time requirements may differ*)
- students should be aware of their graduate class level as determined by the Registrar. For more information see GPPH pg 32.

You are also responsible for following these other Graduate Council and Graduate Division rules and requirements:

http://senate.ucsb.edu/bylaws.and.regulations/division/Part_II/Chapter_III/Section_1/

<http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/handbook/doctoraldegerequirements.html>

Comparative Literature PhD Degree Requirements:

<http://www.complit.ucsb.edu/05graduate-student-handbook/#7>

Normative time is set at **six** years for PhD students entering the Program with an MA from another institution. <http://www.complit.ucsb.edu/05graduate-student-handbook/#15>

- Minimum of 24 units of graduate level coursework, excluding 591, 597, 598, 599 units. These must be completed prior to advancement to doctoral candidacy.
 - a) All graduate students must enroll in and complete 12 units per quarter. This is regardless of whether or not a student has met the minimum unit requirement.
 - b) Students must enroll in at least **two graduate level courses per quarter for letter grade** until advanced to candidacy, except during their field exam quarters or during the quarter in which they are writing their dissertation prospectus, at which time they may enroll in graduate level courses and/or in independent studies on a P/NP basis.
- Three field examinations:
 - a) Three national literature fields (one considered minor) OR two national literature fields and one related discipline (minor).

- b) See <http://www.complit.ucsb.edu/05graduate-student-handbook/#8> for the definition of a field. See same and <http://www.complit.ucsb.edu/wp-content/pdf/CLfieldexamfac.pdf> for field examination procedure.
- Foreign language requirement:
 - a) Students are admitted into the program with a demonstrated proficiency in at least one foreign language.
 - b) As early as possible, they must also demonstrate proficiency in a second foreign language by taking an upper division course or graduate course where the readings are in the target language and earn at least a B+.
 - c) Under certain circumstances they may take an exam that consists in translating a 450 word passage taken from a critical work or take the courses offered specifically for that purpose by certain departments (such as French 11A and 11B or German 1G and 2G) and earn at least a B+ in the last course of the series.
- Prospectus:
 - a) At the beginning of the defense quarter, the student must submit the PhD Form 1 <http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/pubs/academic/Form1.pdf>
 - b) 10-15 pages in length, working bibliography and schedule
 - c) Oral defense required, with 20 minute presentation by student and 45-60 minute discussion with committee members.
 - d) After a successful defense, student submits PhD Form 2 <http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/pubs/academic/Form2.pdf> and pays \$90 advancement to candidacy fee
- Dissertation:
 - a) During the writing process enroll in 12 units of Comparative Literature 599 per quarter, or 8 units of C Lit 599 and 4 units of C Lit 591 if teaching.
 - b) A dissertation defense is required. Upon successful completion, the candidate will file a PhD Form 3 and the dissertation <http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/pubs/academic/Form3.pdf>
 - c) Consult Graduate Division for further details <http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/academic/filingprocess/filingdissertation.htm>