

## **Ancient Graduate Field Requirements UCLA Department of History**

### **MA Degree**

**(History does not grant a terminal Master's. The MA degree can be earned en route to the Ph.D.)**

### **Foreign Language Requirement**

Students in the Ancient history field must have a reading knowledge of one foreign language approved by the field. In cases where the field deems it appropriate, course work or alternate languages may be used to fulfill the language requirement, subject to the approval of the field coordinator and faculty adviser. If the student decides the option of course work, they need to have a grade of B+ or better in a qualifying graduate seminar in History or Classics with a heavy language component.

### **Course Requirements**

The department requires a minimum of nine upper division and graduate courses in history (36 units), at least six (24 units) of which must be graduate courses. All students must successfully complete the 36 units (normally nine courses) taken for a letter grade (unless only offered S/U). The six graduate courses must include at least one continuing two- or three-quarter research seminar which must include the preparation of a substantial research paper. When appropriate to specific research interests and scheduling exigencies, upon successful petition to the Field Coordinator, students may substitute courses within their two-quarter seminars. A one-quarter seminar followed immediately by the next quarter with a directed studies course (HIST 596) may replace the required two-quarter seminar. The two-quarter seminar(s) (and/or seminar with course substitution) must culminate in a substantial research paper at the end of the second quarter.

History 495 and courses in the 300 series are not applicable toward course requirements. All students may use up to a maximum of two History 596 courses for both the total course requirement and the minimum six graduate (200-series) course requirement. Note: only one of the two 500-series courses may be applied toward the total degree requirements without petitioning the field coordinator or faculty advisor and when appropriate the Vice Chair of Graduate Affairs.

Students in Ancient History are required to complete at least one continuing two- or three-quarter seminar, or alternatively, a continuing sequence of at least two graduate courses.

### **Capstone Plan**

The department follows the capstone plan. Individual fields specify the fulfillment of the examination requirement by (1) a written examination designed to assess the candidate's ability to synthesize a broad field of knowledge; or (2) the submission of three essays as part of the candidate's program of study written for at least three different professors. At least two of these papers must have been submitted for graduate courses in the 200 series.

### **PHD Degree**

### **Foreign Language Requirement**

Ancient History: Students must take Ph.D. exams that include translation from Greek and Latin (as well as other languages they may elect in their major or minor fields such as Hebrew, Aramaic,

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Egyptian, etc.). For a third or fourth ancient language, course work may be accepted at the discretion of the field. Modern languages for all students (French, German, and Modern Greek) and (Italian for students in Roman History) require examinations set by the field. The exam will be administered by a faculty member and proctored by the History Graduate Office. The student will have 90 minutes for the exam, and they are allowed to bring their own dictionary.

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All incoming students are required to complete History 204 (Fall seminar) and complete at least one continuing two- or three-quarter seminar, which must include the preparation of a substantial research paper (two continuing two-quarter seminars are required for students in History of Science and U.S. history). When appropriate to specific research interests and scheduling exigencies, upon successful petition to the Field Coordinator, students may substitute courses within their two-quarter seminars. A one-quarter seminar followed immediately by the next quarter with a directed studies course (HIST 596) may replace the required two-quarter seminar. The two-quarter seminar(s) (and/or seminar with course substitution) must culminate in a substantial research paper at the end of the second quarter. A maximum of eight units of HIST 596 may be used for all fields. Note: Only one of the two 500-series courses may be used without petitioning the field coordinator or faculty advisor and when appropriate, the Vice Chair of Graduate Affairs.

### Written and Oral Qualifying Examinations

*Academic Senate regulations require all doctoral students to complete and pass university written and oral qualifying examinations prior to doctoral advancement to candidacy. Also, under Senate regulations, the University Oral Qualifying Examination is open only to the student and appointed members of the doctoral committee. In addition to university requirements, some graduate programs have other pre-candidacy examination requirements. What follows in this section is how students are required to fulfill all of these requirements for this doctoral program.*

*All committee nominations and reconstitutions adhere to the [Minimum Standards for Doctoral Committee Constitution](#).*

#### *All Fields*

Students with outstanding incomplete grades may not be permitted to sit for the written and oral qualifying examinations. The written qualifying examination must be passed before the oral qualifying examination can be taken. Students must begin the written qualifying examinations no later than the end of the ninth quarter of graduate study. To be eligible to sit for their qualifying examinations, student must have completed all their course work and language requirements.

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##### Written Qualifying Examination

Students present four fields for preliminary examinations. Three of these must be in History (e.g. Greece, Rome, and Late Antiquity), and the fourth may be another History field from another department (e.g. literal history, Roman law or paleography). The preliminary exam lasts for eight hours, and is usually taken after approximately three years of work in the department. Students are allowed to retake a failed exam no more than twice. Each exam may be attempted no more than once in a given quarter.

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### Oral Qualifying Examination

Upon passing the written qualifying examinations, the student must take the oral qualifying examination. The oral qualifying examination has three basic components: (1) a return to issues raised in the written qualifying examinations; (2) an oral examination by the committee members; and (3) a defense of the written doctoral research prospectus.