

China 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 Chinese history field must have a minimum of three years of Chinese. Ordinarily, the Chinese language requirement is fulfilled by successful completion of a History 282A-B research seminar.

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 Chinese History must complete at least one two-quarter research seminar, History 282A-282B, in the major field.

Capstone Plan

Students in the China field are examined in three fields, and must begin the written qualifying exams no later than the end of the ninth quarter of graduate work. Students are permitted to retake a written examination once, within a six-month time period. Further, the oral qualifying examination is based on the dissertation prospectus and is scheduled once the three written examinations have been successfully completed.

PHD Degree

Foreign Language Requirement

Chinese History: A minimum of three years of Chinese; for the Ph.D., a high degree of proficiency in Chinese, and, normally, at least one quarter of third-year Japanese. The Japanese requirement can be fulfilled by successful completion of Japanese 100A or its equivalent. In certain cases, reading knowledge of another foreign language may also be required. Admission to candidacy for the Ph.D.

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in the Chinese field requires the completion of a research seminar in the major field. Successful completion of this seminar requires the equivalent of at least four years of superior college-level language work in Chinese. In cases where the field deems it appropriate, course work or alternate languages may be used to fulfill the language requirements, subject to the approval of the field coordinator and faculty adviser.

Course Requirements

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.

Chinese history -- two research seminars, History 282A-282B

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

A full-time graduate student must begin the written qualifying examinations no later than the end of the ninth quarter of graduate work. In the written qualifying examinations, students are examined in three fields, one of which may be an approved field in anthropology, economics, geography, language and literature, philosophy, political science, sociology, or other allied subjects. Students are expected to show not only a mastery of their special subject, but also an adequate grasp of the wider field of knowledge and an ability to correlate historical data and to explain their significance. The members of the doctoral committee determine whether or not an examination may be repeated

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(normally only once), based on their prognosis of the student's potential for successfully completing both the written and oral examinations within a specified period of time to be designated by the doctoral committee, but not to exceed one calendar year. The written qualifying examination is not to exceed four (4) hours and must be turned in to the Graduate Adviser's Office no later than 5:00 pm of the day of the examination.

Oral Qualifying Examination

Further, the oral qualifying examination will focus on questions relating to the dissertation prospectus and is scheduled once the three written examinations have been successfully completed. All committee members will be present for the exam.