

DEPARTMENT OF FEMINIST STUDIES

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College of Letters and Science

University of California, Santa Barbara

Student Name: _____

Perm: _____

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY– FEMINIST STUDIES – 2023-24

In addition to departmental requirements, candidates for graduate degrees must fulfill University requirements described in the “Graduate Education” section of the UCSB General Catalog.

This plan is for students who completed the Master’s degree at an institution other than UCSB. A total of **52.0 units** is required for the Ph.D. degree, drawn from the designated core and elective courses. All students need to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 to be in good academic standing.

Time-to-Degree: 3 years to advance to candidacy, 6 years to complete the degree

CORE COURSES – 24.0 units¹			
Course Number	Course Name	Units	Grades
FEMST 250AA-ZZ	Feminist Theories	4.0	
FEMST 260	Feminist Research Methods	4.0	
FEMST 270	Feminist Epistemologies and Pedagogy	4.0	
FEMST 280	Research Seminar (2-quarter seminar)	8.0	
FEMST 501	Apprentice Teaching in Women’s Studies	4.0	
ELECTIVES – 8.0 units inside the area in which a student is concentrating:			
Course Number	Course Name	Units	Grades
FEMST 210 Or relevant courses	Labors	4.0	
FEMST 220 Or relevant courses	Genders and Sexualities	4.0	
FEMST 230 Or relevant courses	Race and Nation	4.0	
8.0 units outside the area in which a student is concentrating:			
Course Number	Course Name	Units	Grades
	See courses above OR		
FEMST 215	Intersectional Perspectives on Gender, Social Politics, and Public Policy	4.0	
FEMST 240	Transnational Feminisms	4.0	
FEMST 594AA-ZZ	Special Topics in Feminist Studies	4.0	

¹ Note: Students in receipt of an M.A. in Feminist, Women’s, or Gender Studies from a similar program may be released from various required courses, pending review of their M.A. transcripts by the Graduate Director.

DISSERTATION RESEARCH AND PREPARATION – 12.0 units			
Course Number	Course Name	Units	Grades
FEMST 597AA-ZZ	Independent Study for Ph.D. Examinations	Variable	
FEMST 599AA-ZZ	M.A. Thesis or Ph.D. Dissertation Research and Preparation	Variable	
		12.0	

ADVANCEMENT TO CANDIDACY/DISSERTATION RESEARCH
<p>The qualifying examination will consist of two written examinations, for which there will be written feedback, and the dissertation prospectus, followed by an oral defense of the prospectus. The qualifying exam covers three areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) feminist approaches to knowledge (feminist theory, method, and epistemologies) 2) Specialized Field Exam (either race and nation, genders and sexualities, productive and reproductive labors, or an approved interdisciplinary configuration) 3) a dissertation prospectus <p>Reading lists, approximately 100 items total, will be drawn up with the advisor and exam committee. The examination committee will be composed of at least three UC Academic Senate faculty members: the advisor, one other from the core faculty, and one from either the core or affiliated faculty. The written exams are “take-home” and will be taken in the same quarter, two weeks apart, and consist of two essays each, for approximately 20-30 pages per exam. Students will have up to two weeks for each exam. The prospectus will be due no later than the following quarter and must be submitted to the committee two weeks before an oral defense of approximately two hours. Successful completion will advance a student to doctoral candidacy.</p> <p>Examination Committee: Chair: _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Member: _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Member: _____</p> <p>Ph.D. Qualifying Exam – passed on (date): _____</p> <p>The doctoral dissertation must be an original work of research in the field of the candidate's specialization. At the end of the program, the student must pass an oral dissertation defense. The dissertation committee will be composed of at least three ladder-rank faculty members, the chair and at least one other from the core faculty. Normally the dissertation committee will be the same as the examination committee, but that is not required.</p> <p>Doctoral Committee: Chair: _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Member: _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Member: _____</p>