

## University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

### Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese

#### Requirements for PhD in Portuguese

##### (with specialization in Luso-Brazilian Cultural and Literary Studies)

##### Entrance Requirements

Students pursuing the PhD. in Portuguese with specialization in Luso-Brazilian Cultural and Literary Studies are expected to have the equivalent of a Master's Degree in related literary studies.

##### Ph.D. Coursework Requirements

If a student has met the entrance requirements, the Ph.D. program in Portuguese Literature consists of a minimum of 32 graduate hours of coursework in any of the areas normally offered by departmental faculty and 32 in thesis preparation. There are no specifically required Portuguese courses. However, students specializing in Brazilian literature will be required to take two courses in Portuguese or Spanish American literature. A minimum of 24 hours of coursework should be taken under the rubric of PORT. In some cases, students may wish to take courses "outside" of their concentration. Coursework in Women's Studies, Literary Criticism, and other related areas are possible. The individualized doctoral program will be constructed at entry by the student and his or her major advisor; the course of study will be determined on the basis of the student's planned areas of specialization and previous preparation. However, all coursework should be chosen wisely in careful consultation with a major advisor (usually the faculty member under whom the student will eventually write the doctoral thesis). The advisor must approve the student's program of study for each semester in writing before the student may register. Students who register without the written consent of their advisor will be reviewed by the Graduate Studies Committee for continuation of financial aid and/or continuation in the program.

Given the realities of the academic job market in Portuguese Studies, it is strongly recommended that students pursue some work in literary theory, regardless of the student's individual area of concentration within Portuguese literary studies. Students should consult with their academic advisors in this regard to ascertain what courses are available and appropriate for developing their knowledge of literary theory.

##### Language requirement

In addition to the coursework specified above, students in this doctoral program are required to demonstrate reading competence in at least two languages other than English and Portuguese. Competence may be demonstrated in a variety of ways (e.g., by examination, approved coursework in

the language or in a related field of study) and each student should consult with her/his advisor concerning this requirement. Note: This requirement should be met before advancing to the Preliminary Examination stage.