

# PORTUGUESE, PH.D.

## REQUIREMENTS

### MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

#### MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

#### Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Accelerated:** Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

**Evening/Weekend:** Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

**Face-to-Face:** Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

**Hybrid:** These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

**Online:** These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

### CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

#### Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement 54 credits

Minimum Residence Credit Requirement 51 credits

Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement In practice all doctoral coursework (with the exception of some language requirements or some doctoral minors) is designed exclusively for graduate students. At least 28 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244>).

Overall Graduate GPA Requirement 3.00 GPA required.

This program follows the Graduate School's policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203>.

Other Grade Requirements No other grade requirements.

Assessments and Examinations Preliminary Examinations

The Preliminary Examination must be taken after course requirements have been met. The prelim has two parts: a written part and an oral part. The written part of the exam has two components: 1) a series of take-home exams and 2) a 5 to 10–page dissertation prospectus plus bibliography. An oral examination defense follows the written portions of the Preliminary Examination. The oral exam defense is approximately two hours long, at the discretion of the examining committee. It should cover both the take-home examinations and the dissertation prospectus. The candidate will receive a grade of pass or fail in the preliminary examination. In the case of failing the exam, it could be retaken once within a month (after consultation with the adviser). Should the dissertation prospectus be approved, the candidate will have a maximum of three months to officially defend a dissertation proposal.

The Doctoral Dissertation

The final oral examination for the Ph.D. (the dissertation defense) will concentrate solely on the dissertation and generally does not exceed two hours in length. The examining committee is composed a minimum of four members, at least one of whom must be from outside the student's program in Portuguese, and at least three of whom, including the dissertation director, should be designated as readers. This examination is held at least two weeks after the dissertation is submitted.

Language Requirements A knowledge of several languages is essential for doctoral research. Therefore, students are urged to fulfill the language requirements as early as possible in their doctoral studies. In any case, they must be fulfilled prior to the Preliminary Examination. The candidate must demonstrate advanced proficiency in a minimum of two languages, to be determined in consultation with the adviser. The most common languages are Spanish, French, Italian, Latin, German, and Arabic, depending on the candidate's major and minor. Advanced proficiency is defined as six college semesters with a grade of B or better. An advanced pass on the UW Division of University Outreach, Liberal Studies Reading Knowledge Examinations in French and German for graduate students will be accepted as an alternative. Exceptions to the above policies may be petitioned by the adviser to the Departmental Committee.

Breadth Requirement	<p>All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or Graduate/Professional certificate.</p> <p>If choosing the minor, the doctoral candidate must present a minor in work done outside of Portuguese. The minor should be in an area related to the major field of interest. Spanish, French, Comparative Literature, Linguistics, and Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian Studies are among the most common minors. Distributed minors (for a minimum of 9 credits) must be approved by the adviser. Requirements for the minor are established by the respective department. Since the minor should complement the student's major area of concentration, the student should arrange their program with the minor department as early as possible in the doctoral career. For a minor in Spanish, students should have a minimum of nine credits at the 500 level or above. Three of these credits must be taken as an advanced level course.</p>
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## REQUIRED COURSES

The Portuguese Ph.D. program in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at the University of Wisconsin-Madison offers the following areas of study:

1. Portuguese Literature from its origins to Eça de Queirós
2. Portuguese Literature of the 20th and 21st centuries
3. Brazilian Literature to 1900
4. Brazilian Literature from 1900
5. African Literature in Portuguese

In the doctoral program the student selects a major and two supporting fields. The major is the area of specialization; the student is expected to have a thorough knowledge of the currents, primary works and critical bibliography pertaining to it. The student is expected to know the most significant writers and works as well as the most important currents and developments in the supporting fields; additionally, the student must have a good knowledge of critical bibliography. The selection of the major and supporting fields is made by the beginning of the second semester of doctoral studies.

Specific course requirements are as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Requirements<sup>1,2</sup></b>		
Major Area		9
Supporting Field 1		6
Supporting Field 2		6
Literary Theory		3
Advanced Courses <sup>3</sup>	Minimum of 5 courses	
Electives/Research		Variable
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>54</b>

### 1

Course credits earned in our M.A. program and any transfer credits used to satisfy M.A. requirements, **do satisfy** the Ph.D. course requirements. The only exceptions are the following courses, which **do not satisfy** the Ph.D. course requirements:

- PORTUG 311 Fourth Year Composition and Conversation
- PORTUG 312 Fourth Year Composition and Conversation
- PORTUG 330 History of the Portuguese Language
- PORTUG 361 Portuguese Civilization
- PORTUG 362 Brazilian Civilization

### 2

A maximum of 3 credits of independent study (PORTUG 899 Independent Reading) in each of the supporting fields may be used, with prior departmental approval, when corresponding courses are not offered in a timely fashion.

### 3

Students, in consultation with their advisor, should ensure that they have a minimum of five advanced courses beyond the M.A., if completed at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, or six advanced course beyond the M.A. if completed at another institution. At least two of these courses must be in the major. One of these advanced courses may be taken outside the Department, with the advisor's consent. An advanced course is defined as 600-level, or above.

- All graduate students who are candidates for a Ph.D. degree in Portuguese in this department must take a minimum of two graduate-level courses in Spanish and/or Portuguese for credit each semester, exclusive of Independent Reading (PORTUG 899 Independent Reading) courses, with the following exceptions:
  1. In the semester before taking the Preliminary Examination, a doctoral student may count an PORTUG 899 Independent Reading designed to work toward the dissertation proposal as one of the two courses, as long as another course is taken in the department. This exception may only apply once, even in the case that the Preliminary Examination is postponed.
  2. Students may count as exceptions up to three courses taken toward their Ph.D. minor. Every time that students request this exemption they must fill out the appropriate form for this purpose to be signed by the adviser and given to the Graduate Coordinator.
- An audited course does not count toward the two-course minimum requirement.
- If the two-course rule impedes the student's progress toward completion of the degree, students may petition an exception, with the written support of their adviser. This regulation does not apply to students who have passed the Ph.D. Preliminary Examination.