

# LAIC Graduate Program Timeline

*Latin American and Iberian Cultures, University of California, Irvine*

## Editable timeline overview

<b>Year 1</b> Foundations and departmental integration	<b>Year 2</b> Teaching and professionalization	<b>Year 3</b> Doctoral examinations and transition to the dissertation	<b>Year 4</b> Dissertation planning, research, and early writing	<b>Year 5</b> Dissertation writing, completion, and professional transition
<p><b>Core milestones</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take courses with departmental faculty.</li> <li>• Explore optional areas of emphasis.</li> <li>• Complete SPAN 265 (Required Methodology) or SPAN 399 (University Teaching), as specified in the Graduate Student Handbook.</li> <li>• Complete the First-Year Evaluation in spring.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Core milestones</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fulfill TA responsibilities.</li> <li>• Continue advanced coursework.</li> <li>• Complete SPAN 265 (Required Methodology) or SPAN 399 (University Teaching), as specified in the Graduate Student Handbook.</li> <li>• Take the professionalization seminar, if offered.</li> <li>• Participate in conferences, as appropriate.</li> <li>• Begin preparing for doctoral examinations.</li> <li>• Complete the MA Capstone in winter, if required.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Core milestones</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define examination fields and reading lists.</li> <li>• Satisfy the language requirement.</li> <li>• Complete doctoral examinations.</li> <li>• Move formally into the dissertation stage.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Core milestones</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form the dissertation committee.</li> <li>• Develop and secure approval of the prospectus.</li> <li>• Begin sustained dissertation research and writing.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Core milestones</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain sustained dissertation writing.</li> <li>• Prepare for the job market, if applicable.</li> <li>• Defend the dissertation and complete the degree.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Teaching:</b> None  <b>Coursework:</b> 3 courses per quarter  <b>Recommended:</b> Identify local conferences and travel-grant opportunities.</p>	<p><b>Teaching:</b> TA  <b>Coursework:</b> 2 courses per quarter  <b>Recommended:</b> Apply for fellowships, such as Crossing Latinidades.</p>	<p><b>Teaching:</b> TA, as assigned  <b>Coursework:</b> Minimal or as needed  <b>Recommended:</b> Submit one article to a peer-reviewed journal.</p>	<p><b>Teaching:</b> TA or fellowship  <b>Coursework:</b> None or minimal  <b>Recommended:</b> Seek dissertation research or writing fellowships. Present dissertation work at a major conference.</p>	<p><b>Teaching:</b> TA or fellowship  <b>Coursework:</b> None  <b>Recommended:</b> Finalize job-market, postdoctoral, or fellowship materials, as appropriate.</p>