

Mexican American Studies – Instruction for Qualifying Review

MAS students are required to take a diagnostic evaluation to demonstrate acceptability to pursue the doctorate as well as to determine areas of study where further course work is necessary.

Graduate students will take their Qualifying Review/Exam after they have completed:

- first year of study or
- completed 12 credits.

With the Major Advisor, the student should schedule the review early in the student's second semester in residence (**but the review will occur at the end of the completed credits/year of study**).

What you will need to do:

- Prepare a Dossier Packet
 - A **3–5-page, short academic bio statement**. The statement should highlight the student's academic background, the direction of the research interests in MAS in relation to key theories and intersecting fields of study and what the student's academic goals are.
 - **Updated Academic Curriculum Vitae (CV)**
 - **Transcript**, include all graduate courses taken. Can be unofficial copies (can request a copy from the Program Coordinator). Include an outline of courses you would like to take in the upcoming year.
 - **Written Work**. If the student did their masters in MAS, include Masters' paper. If the student did not do their Masters in MAS, then include a research paper developed from a MAS course (*at least 10 pages*).
- Complete the **Declaration of Qualifying Committee form** and submit complete form to Program Coordinator. Please note this is an internal review, GradPath submission is not needed.

Students should be prepared to discuss the dossier items at the review as well as a projected timetable for the completion of course work, research, and results to date, and comprehensive exam with the committee. Also have dissertation proposal ready. The **review will take about 1-1.5 hours**.

For any questions, please connect first with your advisor and/or reach out the MAS program coordinator.

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