

Transborder Studies (PhD)

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This Ph.D. program is intended for students who seek rigorous study that concentrates on the transborder and transnational economic, political, social, ecological, and cultural dynamics of Mexican origin and Latina/o populations residing on the Southwest U.S. and the Northern Mexican border, as well as other regions of the United States.

Students will develop the following knowledge, skills, and competencies for transborder research, scholarship, and innovation:

- Historical understanding of the development of transborder ecologies, economies, social organization, culture, language, and expressive culture and media
- Competency in the most pertinent theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of transborder and transnational contexts
- Ability to design and develop interdisciplinary research
- Ability to create pedagogical models, learning units and assessment protocols for the transmission of learned concepts, theories, and methods
- Ability to communicate their findings, creation, or productions to an academic and community public
- Ability to display and apply concepts, methods, and theories in each of their courses

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Degree Offered

Transborder Studies (PhD)
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Plan of Study

The Plan of Study is the required curriculum to complete the program.

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Application Deadline

The deadline for application and all materials is December 15th, 2016.

Admission Requirements

Applicants who meet the following requirements are eligible to apply.

- A minimum of a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) or a graduate degree is required from a regionally accredited college or university of recognized standing in a related field such as anthropology, economics, education, sociology, literature, and psychology.
- Applicants may come from any undergraduate major or with a master's degree from another discipline, but their scholarly interests should coincide with the program's mission and concentrations.
- A minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00=A) in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program is required.

Applicants are required to submit:

1. Graduate Education admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. GRE scores
4. reference letters (from academicians)
5. statement of purpose*
6. proof of English proficiency**

*Statement of purpose should include explanations of past experiences and current scholarly interests but concentrate on potential areas of research that draw upon the specific resources of the department and faculty.

**Applicants whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

Applicants must fulfill both the requirements of Graduate Education and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Degree Requirements

84 credit hours, a foreign language exam, a written comprehensive exam, an oral comprehensive exam, a prospectus and a dissertation

Previously awarded master's degree (30)*
Dissertation (12)
Total credit hours (84)

*Please note that if students do not already have a master's degree in a related field, then the remaining 30 hours will be made up of electives and research to reach the 84 credit hours required for the doctoral program.



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