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1) Complete all required core courses and Language Examination
   - Refer the Interdisciplinary Humanities degree requirements
   Website: https://ih.ucmerced.edu/forms-documents

2) Select a Dissertation and Qualifying Examination Committee
   - Committee must have 4 members. Three (3) must be from IHGG faculty.
   - Refer the Interdisciplinary Humanities degree requirements
   Website: https://ih.ucmerced.edu/forms-documents

3) Submit the IHGG Constitution of Committee form
   - Refer the Interdisciplinary Humanities forms and documents
   Website: https://ih.ucmerced.edu/forms-documents

4) Develop Reading Lists
   - Reading lists are developed in consultation with your chair and committee members

5) Write Area Papers
   - Two or Three Area Papers are required. Consult with your chair and committee to determine the number of papers you will write.

6) Submit Qualifying Examination Application to Graduate Division-Graduate Services
   - Submit the completed application a minimum of 30 days prior to the agreed upon Qualifying Examination date with your committee.
   Website: https://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/faculty-staff-resources/forms-publications
   Email: gradservices@ucmerced.edu

7) Submit Qualifying Examination Report to Graduate Division-Graduate Services
   - Submit the completed form within 30 days after the exam date
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8) **Defend Dissertation Prospectus**
   - Consult with your chair and committee to determine a date

9) **Submit IHGG Dissertation Prospectus Reporting form**
   - Submit the completed form to the IH Graduate Specialist after the defense
   - Website: [https://ih.ucmerced.edu/forms-documents](https://ih.ucmerced.edu/forms-documents)

10) **Advancement to Candidacy link is provided to the graduate student by the IH Graduate Specialist once all the requirements are met.**

11) **Submit Advancement to Candidacy Form**
    - Pay the Advancement to Candidacy fee

12) **Masters Along the Way**, if you would like to earn the MA in Interdisciplinary Humanities
    - Additional steps are required. Please contact the IH Graduate Specialist.

13) **Initial Graduate Division-Graduate Services review**

14) **Committee Member approvals**

15) **Graduate Advisor Approval**

16) **Graduate Group Chair Approval**

17) **Graduate Division Dean Approval**

18) **Division-Graduate Services will finalize and send an email to the student.**

*If Masters Along the Way is selected, additional processing time is required.*