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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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   Email: gradservices@ucmerced.edu
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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

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.