

**The Doctor of Philosophy Degree in East Asian Languages and Literatures  
At the University of Hawai'i Mānoa**

**KOREAN LANGUAGE/LINGUISTICS**

**PROGRAM SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES**

The Ph.D. degree in East Asian Languages & Literatures aims to train future scholars for the academic profession. The Ph.D. specialization in Korean language/linguistics offers students the opportunity to develop scholarly expertise in Korean historical linguistics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, sociolinguistics, and/or language pedagogy.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

In addition to the requirements for admission to the M.A. program, admission to the Ph.D. program requires evidence of the M.A. earned with distinction, or its equivalent. Applicants will be asked to demonstrate their potential as scholars by submitting a research paper or thesis with their application.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

The Graduate Division **residency requirement** is three semesters of full-time work as a classified student.

**Language requirement(s).**

Further language study is tailored according to the area of specialization and to make it best fit the needs of the individual student's immediate research and intended professional career. In all cases this will involve, as a minimum, knowledge of a second East Asian language equivalent to two years of study.

**Coursework requirements.**

The University has a residency requirement for all Ph.D. students of three semesters of full-time coursework (a total of 24 credits) beyond the courses counted toward the M.A. degree.

**Fields of mastery.** The student shall take a comprehensive exam in three fields, at least one of which will be outside of the Korean language. The concentration area is **History, Structural Analysis, Sociolinguistics, or Pedagogy.**

**Examinations**

A **qualifying assessment**, required for all students regardless of where they earned their M.A., must be completed within the first three semesters of Ph.D. residency. The assessment format is prepared by a committee appointed by the Chair of the Graduate Field of Study and covers general knowledge of the Korean language. The assessment format will be a written examination (10-day take-home or three-day sit-in) covering three fields of five areas (Historical Linguistics, Syntax, Phonology, Pedagogy, and Sociolinguistics). The results will be recorded in the student's file.

**A comprehensive examination** consisting of written and oral parts will be given in the year of completion of coursework, or the following year, and after the student's committee agrees that the student is ready for it. The oral examination will cover all fields with emphasis on the field in which the candidate intends to specialize.

The examination will cover three fields [from Historical Linguistics, Structural Analysis – Syntax/Semantics or Phonology/Morphology – Sociolinguistics (including discourse analysis), and Pedagogy] selected by the student, with emphasis on the field in which the student intends to specialize.

### **Scholarly/Publishable Paper requirement.**

Before a comprehensive examination, students must additionally write a publishable paper in order to be eligible for advancement to candidacy. At least two of the Korean language/linguistics graduate faculty members must agree in writing that the paper is publishable. A paper published in a reputable journal or in a refereed conference proceedings, or an M.A. thesis or an unpublished research paper judged by at least two of our Korean language/linguistics graduate faculty to be of publishable quality, will be accepted as fulfilling this requirement.

### **Dissertation proposal.**

The student shall submit for his or her committee's approval a written dissertation proposal that includes an outline of the methodology to be used, and a bibliography. Students should work closely with their doctoral committee chair when preparing the proposal. Defense of the dissertation proposal will be held subsequent to the comprehensive examination.

### **Advancement to Candidacy.**

Following the successful completion of the above requirements, the student is officially advanced to Ph.D. candidacy, becoming an "ABD" – All-but-dissertation – candidate. An "ABD Certificate" will be issued by the Graduate Division to the student.

**Upon completion of the dissertation**, an original contribution to the major field of study, the candidate will undergo a final oral examination in defense of the dissertation.

*The Ph.D. in East Asian Languages and Literatures is a recognized WICHE regional graduate program. Residents of Alaska, Arizona, California (from Fall 2010), Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon. South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming are eligible, with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, upon admission, to enroll at resident rates.*