

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

KOREAN LITERATURE

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 Literature is offered with concentration in Korean literary studies, exploring its traditions, both pre-modern and modern, in the changing contexts of historical, socio-cultural developments in Korea up to the present. The program is designed to produce scholars, researchers, and professionals with high-level competence and expertise in the study of literary history, literary theories and criticism, and culture of Korea. By offering ample opportunity to investigate inter-East Asian literary/cultural relationships, the program also fosters the growth of the student's research interest in academic fields closely related to Korean literature and culture.

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 are required to demonstrate their potential as scholars by submitting **a research paper**, written in English, with their application.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students should carry out their graduate studies in close consultation with their principal advisor. In addition to successfully completing course work, Ph.D. students are also required to successfully pass the following requirements and procedures.

1. Residency Requirement

The Graduate Division **residency requirement** is three semesters of full-time work as a classified student (**a total of 24 credits**) beyond the courses counted toward the M.A. degree. Students also have to complete the program within the 7-year limit set by the Graduate Division.

2. Language Requirement

Apart from having a command of English and language competence in the area of their concentration, candidates must have, as a minimum, knowledge of a second East Asian language equivalent to two years of study. In some cases, a third East Asian language or an additional European language may be required.

This language study is tailored according to the area of the students' specialization and to make it best fit the needs of their immediate research and intended professional career.

3. Qualifying Examination

The exam must be completed within the first three semesters of Ph.D. residency. It covers advanced knowledge of Korean literary history—pre-modern and modern—and includes key literary genres, movements/trends, and major authors and their works. The assessment format will be a one-week take-home examination, and the results will be recorded in the student's file. A successful student will advance to Pre-candidacy status.

Students should continue their course work in preparation for their Comprehensive Examinations. In the meantime, in consultation with their advisor, the students will form their committee consisting of 5 members, one of whom, the University Representative, should be outside the students' fields of concentration.

Fields of Concentration and Comprehensive Examinations

The student will take a **written** comprehensive exam in four fields, at least one of which will be outside of the student's areas of specialization. The following is the list from which students select their four major fields of concentration:

- 1) **Literature** –literary history, narrative, poetry, or drama—pre-modern or modern
- 2) **Linguistics** – History, structural analysis, sociolinguistics, or pedagogy
- 3) **Electives** – Another East Asian literature or linguistics, literary theory, Korean or East Asian art, Korean philosophy/religion, history, performing arts, film.

Details about the timeline and administrative arrangements of the examinations should be made by the students in close consultation with their committee members.

The written exams will be followed by an oral defense.

4. Dissertation Proposal

Subsequent to the successful oral defense of the comprehensive examinations, the student should submit for his or her committee's approval a written dissertation proposal. It includes a narrative, elaborating on the topic, theoretical approach and methodology to be used, and a bibliography. Students should work closely with their doctoral committee chair when preparing the proposal. After the submission of the proposal to the student's committee members, an oral defense of the dissertation proposal will follow.

5. Advancement to Candidacy

Following the successful completion of the above requirements, the student is officially advanced to PhD candidacy, becoming an "ABD" (All-but-Dissertation) candidate. An "ABD Certificate" will be issued by the Graduate Division to the student.

6. Completion of Dissertation

The student's dissertation is expected to be an original contribution to his or her major field of study. Upon completion of the dissertation, the candidate will undergo a final oral examination in defense of the dissertation.

Further Reference

Brief summary of EALL degree requirements in the UH catalog
Korean graduate degree requirements on the Graduate Division website

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