



Interdisciplinary Humanities

GRADUATE STUDIES AT
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED (M.A., Ph.D.)

Interdisciplinary Humanities (IH) is an innovative master's and doctoral program that incorporates anthropology, critical race and ethnic studies, global arts, history, languages, literature, world heritage and writing studies. An Interdisciplinary Humanities education is comprehensive, and also may include disciplinary specialization within integrative concepts and methods that enrich all cultural research. The program exposes students to many humanities professions and prepares students to engage the public scholarly activities.

WORKING GROUPS AND INITIATIVES:

- › Asia and Asian Diaspora/Global Asia
- › Mesoamerican Studies
- › Pre-modern Studies
- › Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies
- › Digital Heritage
- › Community Engaged Scholarship

Students may pursue these or additional interdisciplinary research themes based on personal interest and faculty expertise.

FACULTY DISCIPLINARY AREAS:

- › Anthropology (sociocultural, anthropological archaeology, biological anthropology)
- › Critical Race and Ethnic Studies
- › Global Arts (art history/visual studies, ethnomusicology, film and media studies, museum studies, performance studies, sound studies).
- › History (early modern Britain and its empire; Atlantic World; gender; literature and history)
- › English Literature (literatures and cultures – including world, national, and transnational literature; performance and drama)
- › Spanish Literature and Culture (Latin American Literature and culture, Spanish literature and culture, Mexican-American literature and culture)
- › Spanish Linguistics (heritage and second language acquisition, socio-linguistics)
- › World Heritage (heritage studies, digital heritage, mapping and GIS)
- › Writing Studies (creative writing, rhetoric, composition, and multilingualism)



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

The Interdisciplinary Humanities graduate group has historically been able to offer funding to all master's and doctoral students in good standing. Each semester, many of our students work as teaching assistants or as research assistants on faculty projects or at the Center for the Humanities. Others receive fellowships that permit them to focus on their studies full time. The Center for the Humanities, UC Merced and the UC system all offer fellowships. Many of our students have received extramural fellowships as well.

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