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Re: Daniel Chavez

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Application Process

The application deadline for the EEB Department is 1 December for the following year's admission. Applicants are required to fill out two on-line applications: one is for the Graduate Division/university, and the other is for the EEB Department. The general GRE is required, as well as either the TOEFL or IELTS English proficiency exams. Three letters of recommendation are required and are submitted electronically. Applications are reviewed by the faculty members in January. A select group of applicants are invited to interview during the third weekend in February. Admission decisions are made by mid-March, and admitted students are requested to accept or decline offers by 15 April.

Program start and end date

Mr. Daniel Chavez has been admitted for the Ph.D. program in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of California, Los Angeles beginning Fall Quarter 2014. The first day of the Fall 2014 quarter is September 29, 2014. We are estimating that Mr. Chavez will complete his degree in five years, ending approximately June 12, 2019.

Cost of the Ph.D. program

Currently the cost for an international student is \$15,308 for registration fees for the academic year, plus \$15,102 for Non-Resident Tuition fees. We expect that these fees will increase by 3% before this fall, and will likely increase each year by a similar percentage.

Academic Program

The Ph.D. program consists of enrollment in 12 units per quarter. The doctoral degree requires taking a minimum of 20 graduate level units; a course in statistics; and two of the three EEB 200ABC courses in year one; and a grant writing course in the first quarter, EEB 250. The student must also pass Departmental Written Qualifying Examinations (DWQE) that are associated with EEB 200ABC. During Spring quarter, part II of the DWQE requires writing a preliminary research proposal (approximately 10 pages of single-spaced text; figures and tables are optional). The proposal should be on a topic that the student is considering pursuing in his or her research. Part II consists of a research proposal on a topic that the student is considering pursuing in his or her dissertation research. The proposal should include a scholarly review of the relevant literature, a

description of the study system, a list of specific questions or hypotheses to be addressed, as much information as possible about the approach and methods, and a bibliography of literature cited (approximately 10 pages of single-spaced text; figures and tables are optional). Detailed method sections are not expected at this stage but are welcome. The proposal should be a serious attempt to develop a research project that might be carried out, but there is no requirement that it become the student's dissertation research.

Graduate students are required to advance to doctoral candidacy preferably before the start of their third year. A doctoral committee consists of a minimum of four faculty members from UCLA; three of whom must be EEB faculty, and one who must be from another department. EEB dissertations are typically written as a series of scientific papers along with a general introduction and a comprehensive bibliography.

Grading System

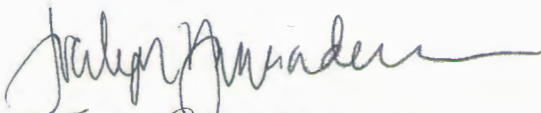
UCLA uses the letter grade system, although some classes can be taken for S/U Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading.

Percentage	Letter Grade	Common Meaning	Numeric Grade
90-100	A	Excellent	4.0
80-89	B	Good	3.0
70-79	C	Average	2.0
60-69	D	Below Average- Still failing	1.0
0-59	F	Failing	0

Graduate students must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average in order to remain in good academic standing.

Please let me know if you need additional information about any of these topics.

Sincerely,



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