PhD in English — Plan of Study

Literary Studies Concentration

Name:      Semester admitted:

The PhD in English requires at least 72 credit hours beyond the BA. Of these, 48 hours must be in coursework and 24 in dissertation hours (ENGL 699). At least half of the coursework must be at the 500/600 level.

**Transfer hours:**

Students with an M.A. in hand may transfer up to 27 coursework hours from their prior institution, with the approval of the Graduate Coordinator and the Graduate School.

**General Coursework and Degree Requirements:**

Two (2) semesters of ENGL 500, Professional Colloquium (0 credit hours)

ENGL 596, Research Methods

Two (2) classes in Linguistics, Old English, Middle English, Linguistics, or Theory (6 credit hours)

Foreign language requirement:

Advanced proficiency in ONE language (     , completion date:      ) or

Reading knowledge of TWO languages (     , completion date:      , and      , completion date:      )

**Literary Breadth Requirement:**

Students must complete at least FOUR (4) classes / 12 credit hours of literary studies at the 500/600 level as follows:

At least one course must be on American literature

At least one must be on British literature;

At least one course must be on pre-1800 literature;

The remaining courses can be any 5/600-level literature courses.

**Ph.D. Comprehensive Exams:**

All regular coursework and language requirements must be completed before sitting for the Ph.D. exams. Ph.D. exams consists of ONE primary and THREE secondary exams, followed by a final oral exam.

Two of the four exam areas must be chosen from Area 1-7;

At least one exam must be on British literature;

At least one must be on American literature.

The primary exam can be chosen from Areas 1-7 (Literature), 8 (Theory), or 11 (special topics).

Designated areas:

Primary:       Secondary:       Secondary:       Secondary:

Date oral exam passed (M/D/YY):

**Candidacy and Other Requirements:**

Immediately after passing the Ph.D. exams, the student should apply for candidacy and submit a Dissertation Committee Appointment Form to the Graduate Coordinator.

Application for Candidacy submitted to Graduate Coordinator

Dissertation Committee Appointment form submitted to Graduate Coordinator

The candidate should then begin work on the dissertation prospectus. Once approved by the candidate’s committee, the prospectus should be submitted to the Graduate Coordinator by the middle of the semester following completion of exams.

Date prospectus approved (M/D/YY):

See the [English Graduate Student Handbook](http://english.louisiana.edu/node/245) for more information on all degree requirements.

**Coursework Checklist**

If applicable, please note transfer credits in the Notes column with the original course taken. At least 24 of your 48 course hours must be at the 5/600 level. ENGL500, 596 and 509 do not count towards the total number of credit hours needed for the degree.

*\*Note: Students on assistantship are encouraged to take 501 and 509.*

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| **Requirement** | **Course Taken** | **Sem** | **Grade** | **Credit** | **Exam course** | **Notes** |
| ENGL500  *(Professional Colloquium)* |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |
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| ENGL596  *(Research methods)* |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
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| Old or Middle English, Linguistics or Theory |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
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| Literature (5/600 level) |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
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Total hours: 72 [Coursework: 48 + 6 optional “coursework exam” hours; Dissertation: 24]