PhD in English — Plan of Study

Rhetoric and Composition 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

One class in Linguistics (3 credit hours)

One class in Folklore

Foreign language requirement:

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

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

**Concentration Courses:**

Three Rhetoric and Composition classes **at UL Lafayette** from:ENGL 457, 464, 501, 555, 556

One course from ENGL 457, 464, 501, 555, 556 at UL Lafayette or elsewhere

Note: 464 and 556 may be repeated for credit.

One Professional Writing course from 462, 472, 473, 474

**Minor Coursework Area:**

Students will choose one of the following areas in which to complete a minor: TESOL, Linguistics, Folklore, or Professional Writing.

Three courses in the chosen minor area

Note: Students who choose Folklore must take ENGL 632: Seminar in Folklore

Students who choose TESOL or Linguistics must take ENGL 506: Principles of Linguistics

**Literary Breadth Requirement:**

Students must complete at least two (2) classes / 6 credit hours of literary studies at the 5/600 level.

One course must be on American literature

One must be on British literature.

**Electives:**

Four graduate-level English courses (12 credit hours).

\*Up to six hours may be applied from the National Writing Project.

**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;

The third exam area must be either linguistics or folklore.

The primary exam will be rhetoric.

Designated areas:

Primary: Rhetoric and Composition

One secondary exam area will be the minor coursework area:

Other secondary exams:       and

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 |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| ENGL596  *(Research methods)* |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Linguistics |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
| Folklore |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
| Rhetoric and Composition |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
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| Professional Writing |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
| Minor Area |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
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| American Literature |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
| British Literature |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
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Total hours: 72 [Coursework: 48 + 6 optional “coursework exam” hours; Dissertation: 24]