PhD in English — Rhetoric and Composition Concentration

Plan of Study

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:      )

**Concentration Requirements:**

Three classes from **Set ONE:** ENGL 457, 464, 501, 555, 556

Five classes from **Set TWO:** ENGL 405, 408, 409, 425, 446, 452, 455, 458, 459, 462, 463, 472, 473, 474,476, 484, 506, 553, 560, 561, 562, 563, 660, 675 (only one creative writing course)

\*Six hours may be applied to the concentration requirements from the National Writing Project.

**Literary Breadth Requirement:**

Students must complete at least FOUR (4) classes / 12 credit hours of literary studies.

At least one course must be on American literature, and 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 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:       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 School (via 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** | **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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| Area 1-7 (5/600 level) |  |  |  | 3 |  |
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Total hours: 72 [Coursework: 48; Dissertation: 24]