

Checklist of Requirements for the PhD in English Rhetoric and Composition Concentration

Requirement	Fulfilled (√)	Fulfilled by / Waiver	Term Completed	Credits	Grade
ENC 6336 – Studies in the History of Rhetoric				3	
ENC 6421 – Studies in Rhetoric and Technology				3	
ENC 6700 – Studies in Composition Theory				3	
ENC 6720 – Studies in Composition Research				3	
ENG 6005 – Scholarly Research and Writing				3	
ENG 7939 – Doctoral Seminar credit				1	
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* 5 Elective Courses in Rhetoric & Composition (ENC 6745 may satisfy an elective course if taken as a doctoral student):				3	
ENC 6261 – Professional & Technical Communication				3	
ENC 6333 – Contemporary Rhetorics				3	
ENC 6422 – New Media Production				3	
ENC 6740 – Theory/Development of Writing Programs				3	
ENC 6745 – Practice in Teaching Composition				3	
LAE 6375 – Contemporary Composition Studies				3	
LIT 6934 – Selected Topics in Rhet/Comp				3	
Foreign Language Requirement					
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ENG 7916 – Directed Study (optional PhD exam prep)					
ENG 7980 – Doctoral Dissertation (10 credits minimum)					

* Courses from other programs may be substituted at the discretion of the student's advisor.

- Students must earn 90 hours of credit beyond the BA, with 30 credits of coursework beyond the MA, to meet graduation requirements. Credits devoted to the language requirement and dissertation hours do not count toward the 30 credits of coursework beyond the MA, but do count toward the 90 credits beyond the BA.
- A maximum of three credits of an approved directed study (excluding exam preparation) may count as elective credit toward the 30-credit requirement with approval by the Graduate Director.

ADVISOR NOTES: _____

Doctoral Seminar Requirement

PhD students are required to take two 6000-level courses in their chosen field(s) of specialty as doctoral seminars. By the second year of PhD coursework, the student should identify the courses to be applied to the seminar requirement. He or she will register for the regular three-credit course; additionally, the student will register for a one-credit seminar hour (ENG 7939) that will be taken in conjunction with the approved course. The student should take this 6000-level course in his or her dissertation area with one of his or her major professors. The student should meet with the instructor as soon as he or she has identified this course as a seminar course, and the two should agree in writing on the details of the work to be done for the seminar hour. The Graduate Program Specialist will manage registration for seminar hours.

While taking the 6000-level course, the seminar student is expected to do extra work in preparation for writing a dissertation. For example, he or she could be responsible for teaching or leading a portion of a class on a particular work and writing a 25-30 page essay based in research on material from the class, which would substitute for one of the writing assignments in the 6000-level course. Satisfaction of this requirement must be approved by the instructor and the Graduate Director.

Foreign Language Fulfillment

Before taking the PhD qualifying examination, a student must fulfill the foreign language requirement. The student may fulfill this requirement by demonstrating a reading knowledge of a foreign language. English may not be used to fulfill this requirement even for those students for whom English is a second language. Students of early English Literature are strongly encouraged to learn Old English in addition to their one foreign language. Reading knowledge of a foreign language must be demonstrated at the PhD level; work from a previous degree will not satisfy the requirement (although it may enable a student to pass a proficiency examination). Reading knowledge may be demonstrated in one of the following ways:

- Place beyond level IV in a language placement test (administered by the World Languages Department)
- Earn a "B" or better in the special courses Reading for French or German offered for graduate students;
- Earn a "B" or better in two semester courses of an intermediate foreign language (i.e., Spanish III and Spanish IV);
- Earn a "B" or better in a fourth semester foreign language course (i.e., Spanish IV)
- Earn a "B" or better in a second semester Latin course (Beginning Latin II).

In light of the reduction of the foreign language requirement (from two to one), students are **strongly encouraged** to pursue a graduate certificate, particularly in Rhetoric and Composition. Work toward a graduate certificate would not need to be completed before the semester when the student takes the PhD exam.

Time Limitation

According to university policy, all degree requirements must be completed within seven academic years of admission to the program. If the time limit is exceeded, the student and the Graduate Director must request a Time Limit Extension from the Graduate School.