ENGLISH - PH.D.

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Description
The Doctor of Philosophy in English permits students to focus on literary traditions and literary theory. Graduate students identify, investigate and theorize the social functions of texts in a variety of contexts both within and outside the academy, doing work that crosses the increasingly fluid boundaries that have begun to characterize the profession of literary and cultural studies. The program provides sustained focus on the social functions of all categories of texts (both literary and non-literary), including the conditions of their production, distribution and consequent use.

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Admission Requirements
• Official transcript(s)
• GRE (waived for in-service teachers)
• Goal statement
• Three letters of recommendation
• An 8-15 page writing sample relevant to the field of study

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 587 TOEFL score (94 on the Internet-based version), minimum 82 MELAB score, minimum 7.0 IELTS score or minimum 65 PTE Academic score. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website. Effective spring 2018.

All requirements are reviewed and evaluated holistically. For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies website.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate effective teaching skills and knowledge of appropriate teaching theories.
2. Demonstrate the ability to read and interpret research in their field.
3. Write coherently and clearly about research topics and other topics.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of how disciplines are interconnected.
5. Demonstrate the ability to think critically and creatively about topics both inside and outside academia.
6. Apply appropriate research methods to objects of study.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

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- ENG 76706 METHODS IN THE STUDY OF LITERATURE 3
- ENG 61094 INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH IN THE TEACHING OF COLLEGE WRITING 0-3
- ENG 89199 DISSERTATION I 2 30
- Choose one focus from the following: 3

Literary Traditions Focus

- Literary Traditions courses (12)
- Rhetoric and Composition course (3)
- Literary Criticism and Theory course (3)
- Electives (9)

Theory and Criticism Focus

- Literary Criticism and Theory courses (12)
- Rhetoric and Composition course (3)
- Literary Traditions courses (6)
- Electives (6)

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 60

1. Required of all students on appointment who have not had college teaching experience.
2. Each doctoral candidate, upon admission to candidacy, must register for ENG 89199 for a total of 30 credit hours. It is expected that a doctoral candidate will continuously register for ENG 89199, and thereafter ENG 89299, each semester, including one term each summer, until all requirements for the degree have been met.
3. Students are required to pass a foreign language requirement.

Candidacy

Doctoral students must pass two written examinations in two distinct areas of English studies before being admitted to candidacy. They must also defend a dissertation prospectus.