

ENGLISH - PH.D.

College of Arts and Sciences

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Description

The Ph.D. in English permits students to focus on literary traditions and literary theory. Doctoral 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.

Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

- Master's degree from an accredited college or university for unconditional admission
- Minimum 3.000 GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
- Official transcript(s)
- GRE scores (waived for in-service teachers)
- Goal statement
- Writing sample (8-15 pages) relevant to the field of study
- Three letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
 - Minimum 587 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
 - Minimum 94 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
 - Minimum 82 MELAB score
 - Minimum 7.0 IELTS score
 - Minimum 65 PTE score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission 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

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
ENG 76706	METHODS IN THE STUDY OF LITERATURE	3
ENG 89199	DISSERTATION I ¹	30
Focus Requirement, choose from the following:		27
<i>Literary Traditions Focus</i>		
Literary Traditions courses (12)		
Literary Criticism and Theory course (3)		
Electives (12)		
<i>Theory and Criticism Focus</i>		
Literary Criticism and Theory courses (12)		
Literary Traditions courses (6)		
Electives (9)		
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		60

- ¹ 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.

Graduation Requirements

- Students on appointment who have not had college teaching experience are required to take ENG 61094. The master's-level course cannot be applied toward the doctoral degree.
- Students are required to pass a foreign language requirement for the degree.

Candidacy for the Degree

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.