ENGLISH - RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION - PH.D.

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Fully Offered
• Kent Campus

Admission Campus
• Fall
• Spring

Description
The Ph.D. degree in English, with a concentration in Rhetoric and Composition, concentrates on the ways literacy practices shape people's lives in educational, workplace and public spheres. The coursework emphasizes data-rich and methodologically sophisticated research and prepares students to investigate literacy, rhetoric and social practice. Collaborative research with faculty, administrative opportunities, and community outreach prepare students to sustain and advance in the discipline. Graduates contribute in meaningful ways to university communities and the larger public sphere.

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Admission Requirements
• Master's degree from an accredited college or university for unconditional admission
• Minimum 3.000 GPA on a 4.00 point scale for unconditional admission
• Official transcript(s)
• GRE Scores
• Writing sample (8-15 pages) relevant to the field of study
• Goal statement
• 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 610 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  • Minimum 102 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  • Minimum 86 MELAB score
  • Minimum 7.5 IELTS score
  • Minimum 73 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. Develop knowledge of the field of Rhetoric and Composition, its application in diverse contexts, and its role in contemporary culture.
2. Generate research questions, develop appropriate research designs, and practice ethical modes of inquiry.
3. Participate in local and international communities of like-minded scholars and teachers.
4. Contribute new knowledge in the field of Rhetoric and Composition.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

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Theory Electives, choose from the following:
- ENG 75023 Rhetorical Theory: 18th, 19th and 20th Centuries
- ENG 75027 Role of Composition
- ENG 75035 Linguistics for Rhetoricians
- ENG 85024 Domain Rhetorics and the Construction of Knowledge
- ENG 85025 Theories and Systems of Writing and Representation
- ENG 85033 The Rhetorical Nature and Function of Extended Discourse
- ENG 85055 The Nature and Relationship of Academic and Nonacademic Literacy
- ENG 85056 Introduction to the Study of Writing Assessment: Research, Theory and Practice

Practice Electives, choose from the following:
- ENG 75052 Writing Activity as Social Practice
- ENG 75053 Writing Technologies
- ENG 85041 Field Research Methods in Writing
- ENG 85042 Discourse Analysis
- ENG 85054 Studies in Literacy and Community
- ENG 85057 Rhetorical Methods

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 60
When scheduling permits, students should take ENG 75012 as a prerequisite to ENG 75044; there will be semesters however, when students need to take ENG 75012 and ENG 75044 simultaneously if they want to take ENG 75044.

Students, with guidance from faculty, complete a qualifying examination before writing a dissertation prospectus. Upon the successful completion of the qualifying examination, students form a dissertation committee whose members direct the student through the dissertation and the completion of the degree. Each doctoral candidate, upon admission to candidacy, must register for ENG 89199 for a total of 30 hours. It is expected that a doctoral candidate will continuously register for Dissertation I, and thereafter ENG 89299, each semester, until all requirements for the degree have been met.