

ENGLISH - RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION - PH.D.

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Fully Offered

- Kent Campus

Admission Terms

- 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 4.000 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

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
ENG 75012	READING AND INTERPRETING RESEARCH ON WRITING ¹	3
ENG 75022	RHETORICAL THEORY:GREEK AND ROMAN	3
ENG 75044	RESEARCH DESIGN ¹	3
ENG 75051	LITERACY:FUNCTIONS, PRACTICES AND HISTORY	3
ENG 89199	DISSERTATION I ²	30
Theory Electives, choose from the following:		9
ENG 75023	RHETORICAL THEORY:18TH, 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES	
ENG 75027	ROLE OF COMPOSITION	
ENG 75035	LIGUISTICS 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:		9
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

¹ 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.

² 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.