About This Program
The Ph.D. degree 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.

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

**English language and literature teachers, postsecondary**
- 2.1% slower than the average
- 81,300 number of jobs
- $69,000 potential earnings

**Proofreaders and copy markers**
- 2.7% decline
- 10,300 number of jobs
- $41,140 potential earnings

**Secondary school teachers, except special and career/technical education**
- 3.8% about as fast as the average
- 1,050,800 number of jobs
- $62,870 potential earnings

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

Program Requirements

**Major Requirements**

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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, 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.

**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.