ENGLISH - PH.D.

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of English
www.kent.edu/english

Examples of Possible Careers*

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

Additional Careers
• Authors and Writers

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Fully Offered
• Delivery: In person
• Location: Kent Campus

Admission Terms
• Fall

*Note
Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics'
Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment
over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at
which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned
less.

Description

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 consequential
use.

Admission Requirements

• Master’s degree from an accredited college or university
• Minimum 2.750 GPA on a 4.000-point scale
• Official transcript(s)
• GRE scores (GRE waived for in-service teachers) effective for spring 2023 admission, the GRE will no longer be required
• 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
    • Minimum 130 Duolingo English Test score

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate
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

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Focus Requirement, choose from the following:

Literary Traditions Focus

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Theory and Criticism Focus

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Culminating Requirement
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.