

Rhetoric and Writing Studies

*Master of Arts
Doctor of Philosophy*

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Facilities for Graduate Work

The Department of Rhetoric and Writing [DRW] offers innovative curriculum, research, and pre-professional training that prepares students to engage scholarly conversations about rhetorical theory from historical and global perspectives and to conduct empirical research using qualitative and quantitative methodologies. The program offers practical training in rhetoric and writing pedagogy and opportunities to apply rhetorical principles to nonacademic problems. Our faculty have diverse specialties in rhetorical history; digital rhetorics; feminist rhetorics; cultural rhetorics; technical communication; rhetorical theory; writing theory and pedagogy; queer rhetorics; public rhetorics; and rhetorics of science and technology. Training in this program will include core disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives for a multi-dimensional understanding of rhetoric and how it can be ethically applied to academic, practical, and community problems.

The DRW houses the Digital Writing and Research Lab [DWRL] and the University Writing Center [UWC], both of which offer unique training and employment opportunities for graduate students. Positioned at the intersection of rhetoric, writing, and technology, the DWRL was established in the 1980s and remains dedicated to the practice, teaching, and theory of the emerging digital literacies that are a requisite part of any 21st century liberal arts education. The UWC, founded in 1993, offers a wealth of practical and pedagogical resources for graduate and undergraduate students, including in-person and online writing consultations. Additional facilities for graduate work include an excellent library system and the world-renowned Harry Ransom Center.

Areas of Study

Courses are offered in the following areas of study: rhetorical history; digital rhetorics; feminist rhetorics; cultural rhetorics; technical communication; rhetorical theory; writing theory and pedagogy; queer rhetorics; public rhetorics; and rhetorics of science and technology.

Graduate Studies Committee

The following faculty members served on the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) in the spring 2025 semester.

Casey A Boyle
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