Degree Requirements, Rhetoric and Writing Studies*

Graduate handbook information is updated and maintained by each program. Graduate handbooks are available within each program’s office and online at https://utexas.box.com/v/UTAustinGraduateHandbooks. Please contact the program with concerns or questions.

Doctor of Philosophy*

The Ph.D. program in Rhetoric and Writing Studies requires a minimum of 57 hours of coursework, six semester hours in a digital writing and research practicum, and a minimum of six exam hours and six dissertation hours. Students advance to candidacy for the doctoral degree after completing the required coursework and practicum; demonstrating language proficiency in one language in addition to English; and passing both the third-year area exam and the prospectus examination. Specific details about each requirement are available from the graduate advisor.

Curricular requirements are the same for students entering with or without an M.A. However, with the approval of the Graduate Studies Committee (G.S.C.), students may apply up to six hours taken outside the program to their degree requirements.

* The Rhetoric and Writing doctoral program pending approval of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board at the time of Publication.