

English (PhD)

Courses are offered in the following areas of study: American literature to 1900; 20th and 21st-century American literature; African American and African Diaspora literature; Mexican American and Latinx literature; U.S. race and ethnic studies; archival studies; comparative literature; film and media studies; literary and critical theory; medieval literary studies; Renaissance literature; 18th-century British literature; 19th-century British literature; modern British and Irish literature; modernist studies; global anglophone literature; book history and bibliography and textual studies; digital literacies and literatures; drama, theatre, and performance; ethnic and Third-World literature; language and linguistics; literature and the environment; disability studies and health humanities; poetry and poetics; popular culture and cultural studies; rhetoric; feminist and LGBTQ studies; and women's literature.

Graduate Handbook

Graduate handbook information is updated and maintained by each program. Graduate handbooks are available within each program's office and [online](#). Please contact the program with concerns or questions.

Total Hours Required: 54

Requirements

To enter the doctoral degree program, all students must pass an early career review which focuses on their graduate coursework and their performance as teachers. Students must pass the review at the end of the spring semester of the second year of graduate study.

Students advance to candidacy for the doctoral degree after completing formal coursework, including the hours completed before the early career review; certifying their foreign language competency; and passing both the third year examination and the prospectus examination. Specific details about each requirement are available from the graduate advisor.

While the PhD program in English requires a minimum of 54 credit hours (42 hours of formal coursework, including a required first year methods course and a teaching practicum, plus six exam hours and six dissertation hours), 5-7 years of full-time study, or 96-138 credit hours, are usually required to complete program requirements. Program requirements include the aforementioned 42 hours of formal coursework (although additional coursework may be required to develop field expertise and gain professional development and publishing skills); additionally, exam and dissertation hours needed to fulfill degree requirements often significantly exceed the minimum six.

Code	Title	Hours
All students must also follow the following requirements and policies:		
Graduate Liberal Arts Requirements		
Graduate University Requirements		