

ENGLISH, PH.D.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW-Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail	
Minimum Credit Requirement	51 Credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	30 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement Policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/)
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. This program follows the Graduate School's policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).

Other Grade Requirements All course requirements must have been completed with grades of B or better before the student takes the preliminary examination.

In all post-Master's courses taken at UW-Madison, a normally enrolled student in the Ph.D. program must maintain at all times at least a 3.50 G.P.A. in English courses and an overall G.P.A. of at least 3.25, and a G.P.A. each semester of at least 3.00. A student who fails to meet this requirement will be placed on Departmental Probation. It should be noted that a grade of BC or lower cannot be used to meet an English Course Requirement. P-progress grade indicates a student will continue to enroll in the course section, as the case for 990 dissertation research. The 990 course will receive a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grade. The S-satisfactory grade (research courses) is not counted in computing the G.P.A.

Assessments and Examinations Students must pass a preliminary exam, complete a dissertation defense, and deposit the dissertation in the Graduate School

Language Requirements Adequate competency in two languages (including programming languages or ASL), or advanced competency in one language.

Graduate School Breadth Requirements English doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Students should select one of the following options:

- Option A (External Minor): Requires a minimum of 9 credits in a doctoral minor program outside of the student's doctoral major program. Fulfillment of this minor requires approval of the doctoral minor program.
- Option B (Distributed Minor): Fulfillment of this minor requires four courses (10-12 credits). The coursework, from one or more programs, should form a coherent topic with approval from the PhD faculty advisor/committee.
- Option C (Graduate/Professional Certificate): Fulfillment of this option requires successful completion of a Graduate/Professional certificate in a program outside of the student's doctoral major program.

REQUIRED COURSES

Composition and Rhetoric Track ¹

Code	Title	Credits
Composition-Rhetoric Major		

Students take six courses in consultation with their advisor.

Doctoral Minor

Students complete four courses toward a doctoral minor.

Research Methods/Tools

Students take two courses in consultation with their advisor.

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The following Composition-Rhetoric courses are offered on a regular basis: ENGL 700 (every Fall), ENGL 702 and ENGL 703 (in alternating years), and ENGL 799 for specialized coursework.

English Language and Linguistics Track¹

In order to be granted candidacy, students must complete a minimum of seven (7) graduate courses or seminars beyond coursework taken for the M.A. (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/english/english-ma/#requirementstext>) and approved by the English Language and Linguistics Ph.D. advisor. At least four of these courses/seminars must be taken in the English Department (<http://guide.wisc.edu/courses/engl/>).

For the doctoral minor, usually four courses (12 credits) are to be chosen by the student and the minor advisor in consultation with the student's advisor. Although superior work in these courses is usually deemed sufficient to satisfy the requirement, formal examination in the minor remains at the discretion of the minor department.

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Literary Studies Track¹

For the M.A. degree en route to the Ph.D. degree, students take a total of ten courses (for a total of 30 credits) in the Department of English and demonstrate competence in one foreign language. To ensure breadth of knowledge, the course requirements call for intensive study in different chronological and geographical areas. There is room too for electives within this stage of the program. These requirements must be completed before the beginning of the fifth semester. When the first stage requirements are completed, provided the student meets the program standards for satisfactory progress, he or she will be entitled to move into the second stage of the program.

Once this broad foundation has been built, the second, more focused stage allows students to work in an area or areas of specialization, and to begin to create an ongoing research agenda. During the three semesters typically devoted to this stage, students choose three English (Literary Studies) courses beyond those taken already. In addition, using the 10-12 credits of minor courses that the Literary Studies Ph.D. track requires, students deepen their knowledge and diversify their skills by cross-disciplinary work. Successful completion of this coursework, demonstration of competence in either one foreign language at the advanced proficiency level (equivalent to fifth and sixth semester language study) or two languages at the adequate proficiency level (equivalent to third and fourth semesters of language study) is also required.

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