

**Proposal for Doctoral Program  
English: Practical Writing  
Department of English  
North Dakota State University**

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## Ph. D. in English: Practical Writing, English Department NDSU

The Ph.D. program will require 90 credits beyond the baccalaureate degree. Students admitted with a masters degree must earn a total of 90 graduate credits, but may transfer in up to 36 credits, 24 of which may be applied to the English Studies Prerequisite.

### Core, 6 Credits

English 760: Graduate Scholarship  
English 755: Composition Theory  
English 764: Strategies for TAs

### Research Methods, 6 Credits

*Students select, in consultation with their adviser, two of the following.*

English 762: Critical Theory  
English 756: Composition Research  
Communication 708: Advanced Qualitative Methods in Communication  
Communication 767: Rhetorical Criticism  
History 701: Methods of Historical Research  
Sociology 700: Qualitative Methods

### Didactic Courses, 33 Credits

#### A. Didactic Courses: Rhetoric and Writing, 18 credits.

*Students select six; two must be from English, and two must be from Communication.*

English 656: Literacy Studies  
English 659: Research & Wr Grants & Proposals  
English 753: Rhet and Poetics of New Media  
English 754: Rhet of Science and Technology  
English 758: Topics in Rhetoric and Writing  
English 759: History of Writing Instruction  
Comm 761: Theory of Rhetoric  
Comm 752: Theory of Argumentation  
Comm 755: Rhet of Environmental Sciences  
Comm 782: Theories of Argumentation

#### B. Didactic Courses: Electives, 15 credits.

*Students may take any graduate-level class not listed elsewhere on their degree schedules, if approved by student's adviser. Here are some examples:*

Sociology 624: Feminist Theory and Discourse  
Sociology 723: Social Theory  
History 650: Ancient History  
Anthropology 680: Anthropological Theory

### English Studies, 24 Credits

These credits are either prerequisite or co-requisite with the Ph.D.

English 652: History of English Language  
English 653: Social and Regional Var. of Engl  
English 654: Language Bias  
English 670: Topics in American Literature  
English 671: American Realism  
English 672: 20th-Century American Writers  
English 673: Contemp. American Literature  
English 674: Native American Literature  
English 680: Medieval Literature  
English 682: Renaissance Literature  
English 683: Topics in British Literature  
English 685: 18th-Century British Literature  
English 686: Romantic Literature  
English 770: Studies in American Literature  
English 780: Studies in British Literature

### Experiential Learning, 6 Credits

English 794: Internship credits may be earned in the following ways:

- Teaching Mentorship (0-6 credits), may be taken twice. Students work with faculty to read theory and co-teach 200, 300, or 400 level class.
- Internship (0-6 credits), may be taken twice. Students work outside or inside academy in administrative, editing, consulting, or writing roles.
- Life-experience Credit (0-6 credits). Students may petition for lifetime learning experience credit for experiences comparable to those above, e.g., teaching college classes beyond the first-year sequence or extensive experience as a professional writer.

### Dissertation, 15 credits

**Total: (90credits)**

Comprehensive Exams must be taken prior to the submission of the dissertation proposal.

Students admitted to the Ph.D. in Practical Writing are required to demonstrate reading *proficiency in one foreign language* by the time they begin to write the dissertation.

Students must take a minimum of 30 credits at the 7xx level in addition to field-experience credits.