

Ph.D. in English, 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 is required of all Teaching Assistants who have not taken a similar class elsewhere.

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

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 English
English 654: Language Bias
English 670: Topics in American Literature
English 671: American Realism
English 672: 20th-Century American Writers
English 673: Contemporary 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 based on experiences comparable to those above, such as teaching college classes beyond the first-year sequence or extensive professional 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.