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PhD Planning Worksheet

Degree Requirements

The PhD program requires 90 credits beyond the baccalaureate degree and a minimum of 60 graduate credits beyond the MA and at NDSU. Note that English 764: Teaching Strategies is required of all GTAs who have not taken a similar class elsewhere.

- Students must take a minimum of 30 credits at the 700- or 800-level.
- Students must take 48 of 60 credits at NDSU from within the Department of English.
- No more than 10 credits may be transferred into the program.
- Students with a master's degree in another discipline may be required to complete additional graduate course work in specific areas of English, as specified by their advisor and supervisory committee.

A. PhD Core, 12 Credits

_____ English 760: Graduate Scholarship
_____ English 755: Composition Theory
_____ English 762: Critical Theory
_____ English 756: Composition Research

B. Other Research Methods, 3 Credits

Students select, in consultation with their advisor, at least one of the following methods courses.

_____ English 4/649: Usability and User Experience
_____ Sociology 700: Qualitative Methods
_____ Sociology 701: Quantitative Methods
_____ History 701: Methods of Historical Research
_____ Communication 704: Qualitative Methods in Communication
_____ Communication 767: Rhetorical Criticism
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C. Pedagogy, 3 Credits

Students select, in consultation with their advisor, at least one of the following pedagogy courses.

_____ English 764: Classroom strategies for TAs*
_____ English 765: UDW - Pedagogy, Practice, and Technology
_____ English 766: Teaching Literature

D. Additional Courses, 21-51 Credits

Students select, in consultation with their advisor, additional courses inside the English department that match their research and deepen their understanding of the field. Three additional methods, pedagogy, or theory courses may be taken from outside the English department, as approved by advisor and graduate director. Courses in this category may be at the 600-, 700-, or 800-level. Note that students with no background in English studies must include courses in literature and linguistics in their plan of study and that topics and studies courses may be repeated.

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E. Experiential Learning, 6 Credits

a) Teaching Mentorship (0-6 credits); may be take twice but total may not exceed 6 credits.
Students work with faculty to read theory and co-teach 200, 300, or 400 level class.

b) Internship (0-6 credits); may be taken twice but total may not exceed 6 credits.
Students work in administrative, editing, consulting, or writing roles.

c) Life experience (0-3 credits).
Students submit, in consultation with their advisor and the graduate director, a portfolio that reflects their professional experience prior to enrolling in the program.

F. Comprehensive Exams

Comprehensive exams are taken after the successful completion of 72 credits (grade B or higher) and are administered by the student's supervisory committee, which is comprised of a committee chair and two readers from within the department. The exams consist of two timed, written exams and conclude with the defense of the dissertation proposal.

Committee Chair: _____ Area: _____
2nd Reader: _____ Area: _____
3rd Reader: _____ Area: _____
Dissertation Proposal: _____ Completion Date: _____

G. Proficiency in Language or Research Skill

Students are required to demonstrate foreign language or research skill competency by the time they begin to write the dissertation.

1st Language: _____ Evidence: _____ Date Certified: _____
2nd Language: _____ Evidence: _____ Date Certified: _____
Research Skill: _____ Evidence: _____ Date Certified: _____

H. Dissertation, 15 Credits (English 899)

The dissertation proposal concludes the comprehensive exams and precedes formal work on the dissertation. The supervisory committee is comprised of the three members of the exam committee, plus a Graduate School Representative (GSR) from outside the department.

Proposed Dissertation Title: _____
Dissertation Director: _____
2nd Reader:_____
3rd Reader: _____
GSR/Rank, Department, College:_____

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Graduate Student Date Academic Advisor Date