The PhD program seeks to train students to be productive scholars and teachers in the fields of both literary studies and rhetoric and composition. In course work, students read and analyze the important texts, current issues, and critical methodologies of the discipline. Drawing on the breadth of this preparation, students demonstrate their ability to recognize and produce scholarly arguments in designing the three comprehensive field papers in areas of scholarly interest and competence corresponding to recognized and emerging fields of study. Finally, the dissertation offers students an opportunity to design a focused research project in consultation with a dissertation advisor. Throughout the program, faculty works closely with doctoral students to develop their scholarly and professional identities in preparation for careers in academia.

**Academic Standing/Progress**

To be considered in good academic standing, PhD students must be making progress toward their degree requirements, including maintaining a 3.500 minimum cumulative grade-point average (GPA) and completing the comprehensive examination within one year of finishing course work.

**Doctoral Degree Candidacy**

Students entering with a relevant MA must complete 21 semester hours, complete the language requirement, and pass the comprehensive examination.

**General Regulations**

Program requirements are described in the CSSH Graduate Programs General Regulations and the Graduate Program in English PhD Guide. The General Regulations booklet is created by the College of Social Sciences and Humanities graduate office. It reviews the minimum academic requirements established by the university and the graduate office. The PhD Guide is created by the Department of English graduate office. It reviews requirements and procedures that are specific to the doctoral program in English. Both documents are updated annually.

**Program Requirements**

Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

**Milestones**

Annual progress review
Two languages
Comprehensive exam
Doctoral degree candidacy
Dissertation prospectus
Public prospectus/dissertation work-in-progress presentation
Dissertation defense

**Course Work**

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**Open Electives**

Complete 15 semester hours of ENGL courses. 15

**Exam and Dissertation**

Exam Preparation

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**Program Credit/GPA Requirements**

21 total semester hours required
Minimum 3.500 GPA required