

English, PhD

Academic Plans

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
72 s.h. of graduate level coursework must be completed; up to 18 s.h. of graduate transfer credits from an accredited institution allowed upon approval. More information is included in the General Catalog and on department website. ^{a, b}		
Graduate College program GPA of at least 3.00 is required. ^c		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
ENGL:5000	Introduction to Graduate Study ^d	3
ENGL:6950	Colloquium: Teaching Foundations of the English Major ^e	1
	Historical distribution course ^{f, g}	3
	Historical distribution course ^{f, g}	3
Hours		10
Spring		
ENGL:6950	Colloquium: Teaching Foundations of the English Major ^e	1
	Historical distribution course ^{f, g}	3
	Upper-level English course ^{g, h}	3
	Upper-level English course ^{g, h}	3
	World language requirement ⁱ	
Hours		10
Second Year		
Fall		
RHET:5350	Colloquium: Teaching Rhetoric ^j	3
	Upper-level English course ^{g, h}	3
	Elective course ^k	3
Hours		9
Spring		
	Upper-level English course ^{g, h}	3
	Elective course ^k	3
	Elective course ^k	3
Hours		9
Third Year		
Fall		
	Upper-level English course ^{g, h}	3
	Elective course ^k	3
	Elective course ^k	3
Hours		9

Spring

ENGL:6960	Colloquium: Teaching Literature ^{e, l}	2
	Upper-level English course ^{g, h}	3
	Elective course ^k	3
Hours		8

Fourth Year

Fall

ENGL:7910	Advanced Studies in a Literary Period ^e	1 - 3
ENGL:7920	Advanced Studies in a Literary Form ^e	1 - 3
ENGL:7960	Advanced Studies in a Literary Theme ^e	1 - 3
Exam: Doctoral Comprehensive Exam ^m		
Hours		3-9

Spring

Dissertation Prospectus Defense		
ENGL:7999	PhD Thesis ^{e, n}	3
Hours		3

Fifth Year

Fall

ENGL:7999	PhD Thesis ^{e, n}	3
Hours		3

Spring

ENGL:7999	PhD Thesis ^{e, n}	3
Hours		3

Sixth Year

Fall

ENGL:7999	PhD Thesis ^{e, n}	3
Hours		3

Spring

ENGL:7999	PhD Thesis ^{e, n}	2
Exam: Doctoral Final Exam ^o		
Hours		2
Total Hours		72-78

a Students may pursue certificates (including the book arts and book studies certificate), in conjunction with completing the degree requirements for the PhD. For more information check with the Graduate Program Coordinator.

b Students must complete specific requirements in the University of Iowa Graduate College after program admission. Refer to the Graduate College website and the Manual of Rules and Regulations for more information.

c Graduate College program GPA is comprised of all courses that are approved degree requirements. If a student takes more than the minimum required number of semester hours to complete the degree, but all courses taken are eligible to count toward the degree, those courses will be included in the Graduate College program GPA.

d Typically this course is offered in fall semesters only. Check MyUI for course availability since offerings are subject to change.

e Students complete 21 s.h. of additional coursework that may be taken either on an A-F or satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U) graded basis. The three comprehensive exam preparation courses (ENGL:7910, ENGL:7920, ENGL:7960) and the thesis course (ENGL:7999), each for a minimum of 1 s.h. are required. ENGL:6950 and ENGL:6960 can also be counted toward this requirement. Students consult with their advisor on the number of credits they are required

to enroll in for each course and may select additional courses from the approved list of electives to complete the requirement.

- f Students complete one course from each of three historical areas for 9 s.h. total; a grade of B-plus or above is required for each course. See the General Catalog for list of approved courses.
- g Of the 18 s.h. in upper-level English courses and 9 s.h. in historical distribution courses, 9 s.h. must come from seminars; a grade of B-plus or above is required for each seminar. See the General Catalog for list of approved courses.
- h Students must complete 18 s.h. of English courses (prefix ENGL) numbered 5000-7899, excluding ENGL:5990, ENGL:5999, ENGL:6950, and ENGL:6960; these courses must be taken on an A-F graded basis.
- i Students must fulfill the program's world language requirement, usually by taking a standardized test or completing an advanced undergraduate course numbered 3000 or above in a language other than English with a grade of B or higher.
- j RHET:5350 may be counted toward either the graded elective or additional coursework requirement.
- k Students complete 21 s.h. of coursework taken on an A-F graded basis. In consultation with their advisor, students select English courses (prefix ENGL) numbered 3000 and above, excluding ENGL:5990, ENGL:5999, ENGL:6950, ENGL:6960, ENGL:7910, ENGL:7920, and ENGL:7960.
- l Required for TA employment.
- m Requires a portfolio of five scholarly questions based on a period of literary history (usually British or American), a review essay and annotated bibliography in a special area of interest, two course syllabi or alternate materials pertaining to an academic-adjacent career, an article to be submitted for publication, and an introduction to the portfolio that synthesizes its parts in preparation for a two-hour oral exam.
- n Students continuously enroll in ENGL:7999 throughout the dissertation process, from developing the prospectus until completing the final exam.
- o Students present their prospectus formally to a faculty committee and must undergo a final oral exam defending the dissertation.