

PhD in English—Literary Studies

Recommended Timeline

First Year

Fall

ENGL 6480 + two additional courses (9 credit hours)
WRTG 7480 (colloquium for new WRTG 2010 instructors)
Consult DGS about spring courses and the foreign language requirement

Spring

Three courses (9 credit hours)

Note:

In the first year, PhD students should take at least two literary history courses and satisfy at least one period requirement (either pre-1700 or 1700-1900). They should also either satisfy the language requirement or establish a plan to do so by the end of the second year. Qualifying exams cannot be scheduled until the language requirement is satisfied.

Second Year

Fall

Two courses (6 credit hours)
Consult DGS about selecting a committee chair and forming a supervisory committee

Spring

Two courses (6 credit hours)
Select committee chair and form supervisory committee
Draft and submit qualifying exam reading lists for approval
List meeting with supervisory committee (if required by chair)

Third Year

Fall

WRTG 7480 (for students previously on fellowship teaching WRTG 2010 for the first time)
Schedule qualifying exams for the spring
Prepare applications for Graduate School, Tanner Center, and departmental fellowships

Spring

Qualifying exams
Apply for Graduate School, Tanner Center, and departmental fellowships
(If the committee requires a prospectus defense, it should be held early in the Fall of the fourth year)

Note:

PhD students must register for 9 credit hours each semester to qualify for the tuition benefit program. ENGL 7970 (Thesis Research) should be taken to make up the deficit in any semester in which a student is registered for fewer than 9 credit hours. PhD students are required to take at least 14 credit hours of Thesis Research.