

Program Change Request

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Changes proposed by: **ddraper**

In Workflow

1. ARSC Dean Initial
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4. Registrar Initial
5. ENGL Chair
6. ARSC Curriculum Committee
7. ARSC Dean
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Approval Path

1. 09/16/16 9:26 am
jdurdik: Approved for ARSC Dean Initial
2. 09/16/16 1:01 pm
pkoski: Approved for GRAD Dean Initial
3. 09/19/16 10:55 am
agriffin: Approved for Director of Program Assessment and Review
4. 10/03/16 5:19 pm
lkulcza: Approved for Registrar Initial
5. 10/04/16 11:02 am
dstephen: Approved for ENGL Chair

- 6. 10/10/16 4:46 pm
fspiegel: Approved for ARSC Curriculum Committee
- 7. 10/10/16 5:05 pm
jdurdik: Approved for ARSC Dean
- 8. 10/11/16 4:39 pm
pritchey: Approved for Global Campus
- 9. 10/13/16 5:00 pm
tmartin: Approved for Provost Review

History

- 1. Mar 20, 2015 by calison
- 2. Apr 3, 2015 by calison
- 3. Aug 5, 2015 by calison
- 4. Feb 29, 2016 by calison

Catalog Pages Using this Program [English \(ENGL\)](#)

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Academic Level Graduate

Select a reason for the proposed change: Making Minor Changes to an Existing Degree (e.g. changing 15 or fewer hours, changing admission/graduation requirements, adding Focused Study)

Program Status Active

Academic Unit Major/Field of Study

Are you adding, changing or deleting a concentration? No

Action	Proposed Code	Proposed Name

Are you adding, changing or deleting a track? No

Action	Proposed Code	Proposed Name

Are you adding, changing or deleting a focused study? No

Action	Proposed Code	Proposed Name

Effective

Catalog Year	Fall 2017 2015
College, School, Division	Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)
Department Code	Department of English (ENGL)
Program Code	ENGLPH
Degree	Doctor of Philosophy
CIP Code	23.0101 - English Language and Literature, General.
Program Title	English, Doctor of Philosophy
Method of Delivery	On Campus
Is this program interdisciplinary or use courses from another College?	No
Does this change the total hours needed to complete the program?	No

Program Requirements, Description and 8-Semester Plan

Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree

For more information about the Doctor of Philosophy Degree program, visit the ["M.A./Ph.D. in English" pages](#) on the English Department website.

In addition to the general requirements of the Graduate School, the department stipulates that these requirements be met:

1. A student who begins doctoral study here may be required, at the discretion of the Director of Graduate Studies, to take certain designated deficiency courses in lieu of electives. However, these hours will count toward the 24-hour course requirement for the doctoral degree.
2. Each doctoral candidate is required to demonstrate a reading knowledge of at least one language other than English that is relevant to the student's area of study. French, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Ancient Greek, and Latin are the normally acceptable choices to meet the foreign language requirement, although other languages may be used with the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies. Students who elect the medieval period as the field of specialization must demonstrate a reading knowledge of Latin, Old English, and Middle English as well as one relevant modern language. Doctoral candidates can meet the foreign language requirement by documenting that they have met a foreign language requirement at the University of Arkansas or

another accredited M.A. program no more than two years before starting the Ph.D. program. This requirement should be met as early as possible in the student's program of study, preferably before registration for doctoral dissertation hours.

For either the M.A. or Ph.D. degree, reading knowledge must be demonstrated in one of the following ways:

1. The student passes a test of reading knowledge as administered through the Department of World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures or by a member of the faculty of another department in the University who is competent to assess reading knowledge in the given language. The Department of World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures administers testing either in conjunction with Ph.D. reading courses (course number 3063) in French, German, Latin, or Spanish; or through individual examinations. Students wishing to be examined in a foreign language should contact the Department of World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures well before the test to familiarize themselves with the different requirements of each language program.
2. The student presents evidence of having completed the equivalent of one semester of graduate or upper-level undergraduate study in the given foreign language with a grade of "B" or above at an accredited college or university.
3. The student documents that the language in question is his or her native language and that he or she has native fluency in the language.
3. By the time they take the candidacy examinations, students must have completed the 24-hour course requirement or be registered for courses which, if passed, will complete the 24-hour course requirement. Students must pass both candidacy exams before registering for dissertation hours.
4. To strengthen and support a field of specialization, each student may take up to six hours of graduate course work in other departments. Subject to the approval of the student's adviser, these hours will count toward the 24-hour course requirement for the degree.
5. Students in the doctoral program are required to complete 24 semester hours of course work for graduate credit beyond the M.A. degree. This work must include at least one course in critical theory and at least four seminar courses, at least one of which must be in the field of specialization.
6. With the consent of the Graduate Studies Committee, students will declare a field of specialization. This declaration will be made prior to the completion of the candidate's first year of doctoral studies; it must be made before arranging to take the written candidacy examination. The field of specialization may be a period (Medieval, Renaissance to 1660, Restoration and Eighteenth-Century British, Nineteenth-Century British, Modern and Contemporary British, American to 1900, Modern and Contemporary American) or an area (Southern Literature and Culture, World Literature and Culture in English, American Multiculturalism, Gender Studies, Film and Media Studies, Literary Criticism and Theory, Popular Culture and Popular Genres, and Literary History). In conjunction with their committee and with the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies, students may propose additional fields if their particular projects do not fit within any of the suggested areas.
7. The Director of Graduate Studies in the department must be notified by each student of his or her intention to take the candidacy examinations a month before the end of the term preceding the date of the examinations, which will be scheduled by the student in consultation with the committee administering the examinations. At the time of the candidacy examinations, each student must have a grade-point average of 3.50 for courses taken beyond the master's **degree**.
8. ~~degree. The grade point will be on the following scale: A, 4.00; A-, 3.66; B+, 3.33; B, 3.00; etc. The plus and minus ratings are recorded on the student's record in the Department of English only and do not appear on the official record in the Registrar's Office.~~ Each student must pass the following candidacy examinations:
 1. A 72-hour take-home written examination in the field of specialization.
 2. An oral examination on a specific topic within the student's broad field, approved jointly by the student and the exam committee. Students may retake only once any examination they fail.
9. Upon successfully completing the candidacy exams, ~~if each student must submit~~ a dissertation prospectus **has not already been submitted** to ~~be discussed and approved in a formal meeting with~~ the **student's committee for approval, each student must submit a student's dissertation prospectus to be discussed and approved in a formal meeting with the student's dissertation** committee.
10. Within the time limits specified by the Graduate School, each student must **complete 18** ~~submit a~~ dissertation **hours and submit a** ~~acceptable to the student's~~ dissertation **acceptable to the student's dissertation** committee.
11. Each student must pass a dissertation defense administered by the student's dissertation committee.

Graduate Student Appeal Process: Any Ph.D. student who is notified that he or she is being dismissed from the graduate program due to inadequate progress toward his or her degree has the right to appeal such a decision. The process for appealing is as follows:

- 1. The student may contact the Director of Graduate Studies to determine whether the student can take further steps to avoid being dismissed from the program.**
- 2. If the Director of Graduate Studies advises the student that the student can take no further steps to remain in the program, the student may appeal this decision to the Department Chair.**
- 3. If the Department Chair advises the student that the student can take no further steps to remain in the program, the student may appeal this decision to the Graduate Council.**

If the Graduate Council advises the student that the student can take no further steps to remain in the program, the student will be dismissed from the program.

Are Similar Programs available in the area? No

Estimated Student Demand for Program: NA

Scheduled Program Review Date: NA

Program Goals and Objectives: NA

Learning Outcomes: NA

In Requirement # 7: Removing the last 2 sentences, "The grade point will be on the following scale: A, 4.00; A-, 3.66; B+, 3.33; B, 3.00; etc. The plus and minus ratings are recorded on the student's record in the Department of English only and do not appear on the official record in the Registrar's Office."

Justification: We're removing this language, because the department determined that it is sufficient to rely on standard letter grades which are recorded in the student record system. The plus/minus system is unnecessary to achieve proper evaluation of our graduate-level Ph.D. candidates.

In Line #9: Inserting this phrase "if a dissertation prospectus has not already been submitted to the student's committee for approval," immediately following "Upon successfully completing the candidacy exams,"

Description and justification of the request: Justification: Most if not all of our doctoral students now present their prospectus documents to their committee members for approval during the oral candidacy exam. The wording has been changed to reflect this.

In Line #10: Specifying the number of dissertation hours required is 18.

Justification: We are incorporating the Graduate School's stated Ph.D. requirement that all Ph.D. candidates must register for a minimum of 18 hours of doctoral dissertation. The language is being included in our catalog text to make this requirement more visible to our Ph.D. students.

After line #11: Adding information on the graduate student appeal process for PhD students.

Justification: The Department of English requests that an explanation of an appeal process be added toward the end of the English PhD section of the catalog so that PhD students are provided a clear explanation of how they can appeal a decision that they be dismissed from the PhD program.

Program reviewer
comments

agriffin (09/19/16 10:55 am): Added a period to the last statement in the catalog copy.

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