

ENGLISH PHD

Degree Requirements

The following requirements are in addition to, or further elaborate upon, those requirements outlined in The Graduate School Policy Guide (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/>).

PhD

Total Units Required: 22

Course	Title
Courses	
ENGLISH 410-0	Introduction to Graduate Study
Three courses dealing primarily with literature written before 1800 and three dealing primarily with literature written after 1800 ¹	
Twelve electives ²	
Two professional development workshops ³	

¹ must be at the 400-level, ENGLISH 499-0 Independent Study is not an option

² Ten if student enters with either an MA or MFA; including ENGLISH 490-0 Independent Reading, ENGLISH 499-0 Independent Study

³ ENGLISH 520-0 Writing for Publication, ENGLISH 570-0 Seminar in Teaching Composition

Other PhD Degree Requirements

- **Examinations:** first-year review; for admission to candidacy, language examination to demonstrate competence in a language other than English, oral qualifying examination in area of specialization, and submission of approved dissertation prospectus by end of third year
- **PhD Dissertation:** must be completed within nine years after original matriculation, though faster completion strongly urged
- **Final Evaluations:** defense of dissertation
- **Other:** instructional duties as designated by department