Graduate Curriculum Approval Form
Changes to Degree Programs

Degree (i.e. M.A., Ph.D., etc.): Ph.D.
Name of Program (i.e. Biology): English
Program CIP or X code: 23.0101
Name of Concentration (i.e. Botany): Literature
Proposed Effective Term (i.e. Spring 2006): Fall 2010

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College: CAS
Dept and Mail Code: ENG CPR107

Changes to a Degree Program

1. Follow the guidelines outlined by the Graduate Council at: http://www.grad.usf.edu/coursepro.asp. For Graduate Council Review submit:
   - the Graduate Curriculum Approval form (this form)
   - in three distinct sections, a summary of the following:
     i. list/describe what the old requirements were,
     ii. list/describe what the new requirements will be
     iii. why the changes are necessary
   - The Catalog Copy showing the changes that will be needed if the proposal is approved

2. Submit the signed original and 1 electronic copy of the complete packet to the Graduate School by the deadline posted online http://www.grad.usf.edu/coursepro.asp. For questions, contact Carol Hines-Cobb at chinescobb@grad.usf.edu or 813-974-4239.

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*Concurrence - Consultation with units and departments providing related offerings or expertise is expected and encouraged.
Curriculum Changes to Ph.D. Program in English with a concentration in Literature

1. Previous Requirements
   Minimum of thirty (30) hours of course work beyond the MA degree and ninety (90) hours beyond the BA degree, exclusive of the following:
   - credits devoted to the foreign language requirement
   - doctoral dissertation hours
   - directed research hours (unless approved by the Graduate Director)
   - ENC 6319 Scholarly Writing for Publication
   - ENG 6009 Bibliography for English Studies
   - ENG 6018 Studies in Criticism and Theory I
   - ENG 6019 Studies in Criticism and Theory II
   - ENG 7939 (2) — Doctoral Seminar (must be taken twice in conjunction with a course)
   - LAE 7376 Problems in Advanced Composition Instruction OR LAE 7390 Problems in Advanced English Instruction and Scholarly Research
   - Demonstrated proficiency in two foreign languages; or one foreign language and one tools-of-research area
   - PhD qualifying exam
   - Minimum of 10 dissertation hours (no maximum)

2. New Requirements
   Minimum of thirty (30) hours of course work beyond the MA degree exclusive of the following:
   - credits devoted to the foreign language requirement
   - doctoral dissertation hours
   - directed research hours (unless approved by the Graduate Director)
   Minimum of 90 hours after the BA degree, which may include the following:
   - credits devoted to the foreign language requirement
   - doctoral dissertation hours
   - directed research hours (approved by the Graduate Director)
   **Core**
   - ENG 6005 (3) — Scholarly Research and Writing
   **Concentration Core**
   - ENG 6018 — Criticism & Theory I OR ENG 6019— Criticism & Theory II (may have been taken at the MA level) (3)
   - One theory-rich course: ENC 6336, ENG 6018, ENG 6019, or other courses as approved by the Graduate Director (3)
   - ENG 7939 — Doctoral Seminar must be taken twice in conjunction with a three-credit hour course (1 credit for each seminar; the two courses plus the two seminar credits total 8 credits)
   - One practicum in teaching or in tutoring for the Writing Center: ENC 6745, LAE 6375, LAE 6389, or other courses as approved by the Graduate Director (3)
   **Electives**
   - 10 hours minimum from other courses in the Department of English
   **Other requirements**
   - Demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language by one of the following means:
     - Place beyond Level IV in a language placement test (administered by World Language Education)
     - Earn a B or better in one of the graduate courses Reading for French, Spanish, or German
     - Earn a B or better in two semester courses of an intermediate foreign language (e.g., Spanish III and Spanish IV)
     - Earn a B or better in a fourth semester language course (e.g., Spanish IV)
3. Rationale

These changes result from a review of our graduate programs with the goals of making our program more attractive to potential students, preparing our students better for the job market and faculty positions, and streamlining the Ph.D. by simplifying requirements.

ENG 6319 and 6009 both enrolled master’s and Ph.D. students in the same class though their needs differed. ENG 6009 has been redesigned to meet the needs of master’s students and so dropped from the Ph.D. requirements. A new course, ENG 6005, Scholarly Research and Writing, has been designed to incorporate crucial elements from the old Scholarly Writing for Publication and Bibliography courses at a level appropriate for Ph.D. students only.

Allowing students to take one of ENG 6018 or ENG 6019 and one theory-rich course allows students more flexibility in meeting the requirement of two courses with high theory content. Background in theory remains a necessity for Ph.D. students in English, but our theory-rich courses will allow students to replace one of the broader surveys with a course more attuned to specific theoretical approaches.

The department now has more teaching practica available; expanding the choice allowed students beyond LAE 7376 or LAE 7390 allows them to make better use of departmental course offerings.

We have added an oral examination to the PhD exams for greater rigor.

Many English Ph.D. programs no longer require two foreign languages. Our current tools-of-research requirement depends on the offerings of other departments, which sometimes make it difficult for students to satisfy the requirement. The simplified requirement of one foreign language makes our program more competitive and shortens students’ time to degree.

Current Catalogue copy:

DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
The Ph.D. in English involves a minimum of 30 hours of course work beyond the M.A. degree, exclusive of credits devoted to the foreign language and tools-of-research requirements and to the doctoral dissertation. Included in these hours (if these courses have not been taken on the Master’s level), are ENC 6319, ENG 6009, LAE 7376 or LAE 7390, ENG 6018, ENG 6019, and two courses designated as Doctoral Seminars, with an extra credit of ENG 7939. After completing the necessary course work a student must take a nine-hour written qualifying doctoral exam. Students passing this exam and fulfilling the foreign language-/tools-of-research requirements are then admitted to doctoral candidacy. Students failing this exam more than once are dismissed from the program. Upon the completion and approval of the dissertation, the student will defend the dissertation in a two-hour oral examination. After successful completion of the dissertation and defense, the student will be awarded the doctoral degree.

Proposed copy incorporating changes:

DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
The Ph.D. in English involves a minimum of 30 hours of course work beyond the MA degree, exclusive of credits devoted to the foreign language requirement and to the doctoral dissertation. Included in these hours must be ENG 6005, ENG 6018 or ENG 6019 and one other theory-rich course, and two courses designated as Doctoral Seminars, with an extra credit of ENG 7939 for each. After completing the necessary course work, students must take a nine-hour written qualifying doctoral exam with oral defense. Students passing this exam and fulfilling the foreign language-/tools-of-research requirements are then admitted to doctoral candidacy. Students failing this exam more than once are dismissed from the program. Upon the completion and approval of the dissertation, students will defend the
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