Doctor of Philosophy in English and the Teaching of English

The Doctor of Philosophy in English and the Teaching of English prepares students for teaching careers in English at colleges and universities.

The program emphasizes the study of English and American literature, coursework in content-specific pedagogy, and supervised teaching internships. Students also undertake directed, specialized research in a required dissertation.

Admission Requirements
For full consideration for admission and financial aid, applications for fall admission must arrive by the deadline. See program website for updated program deadlines. Applicants must apply to and meet all criteria for admission to the Graduate School. In addition to the general requirements of the Graduate School, applicants for classified admission and/or financial aid must submit the following materials:

1. Undergraduate and graduate transcripts.
2. An M.A. in English (or appropriate related field) with an accumulative grade point average of 3.5 in M.A.-level English courses.
3. Three letters of recommendation from professors who can comment on the student’s recent academic work.
4. A writing sample (about 10-20 pages).
5. A brief statement (about 500 words) describing the applicant’s academic background, reasons for applying to the program, research interests, and professional goals.
6. Optional: GRE general test scores may be submitted for consideration, but are not required for admission.

The Graduate Committee in consultation with the department Chair evaluates these materials to determine admission to the program. Priority will be given to experienced, successful teachers.

General Requirements
The Doctor of Philosophy in English requires a minimum of 39 semester credits beyond the M.A.

A course completed as part of a student’s M.A. program may be approved by the Graduate Director to satisfy a particular requirement of the Ph.D. program, up to a maximum of 9 credits; however, the substitution of coursework does not waive the minimum credit requirement for the Ph.D. program.

With the approval of the Graduate Director, students may transfer up to 9 credits of coursework beyond the M.A. from other institutions.

Students must maintain a 3.5 grade point average to advance to candidacy for the Ph.D. Three grades below B- during the entire program will automatically disqualify a student.

Graduate students must follow the policy on incomplete grades as it is listed in the Idaho State University Graduate Catalog. Teaching assistantships and Ph.D. fellowships will not be renewed for students with incomplete grades on their transcripts.

Special Requirements
1. Student must complete at least 27 of the required 39 credits at the 6600 level or higher.

2. Students must complete two supervised teaching internships. The student must submit a detailed proposal for each internship to the Graduate Committee for approval prior to the semester of the internship. The proposal must be endorsed by the member of the graduate faculty who has agreed to supervise the internship. An unacceptable Ph.D. internship will have the same consequences as a course grade of C.

3. Students will write a dissertation with a section exploring the implications of the research for the student’s teaching of English. This dissertation project will be designed in consultation with a member of the English graduate faculty, who will serve as chair of the dissertation committee. The dissertation committee shall consist of three members of the graduate faculty, at least two of whom are English graduate faculty. In consultation with the dissertation director, the student is responsible for assembling the dissertation committee. The dissertation proposal must be approved by all members of the student’s dissertation committee and then submitted, with the comprehensive exam lists attached, to the Graduate Director for review, according to the guidelines in the English Graduate Handbook. A Graduate Faculty Representative (GFR) will be appointed after review of the proposal and exam lists.

4. Students must present a colloquium on the topic of the dissertation research, given in the last semester of their degree work, which will allow them to obtain experience in presenting the results of their research to their peers.

Course Work

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Pre- and Post-1800 Literature Component

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Language Component

One course in English language studies, chosen from the following group:

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Teaching Component
A minimum of 12 semester credits, fulfilling the following requirements:

**ENGL 6631** Seminar in Teaching Writing 3
**ENGL 7700** Supervised Teaching Internship 3

An additional seminar in the teaching of English, approved by the department 3 cr
An additional supervised teaching experience, chosen from:
**ENGL 7700** Supervised Teaching Internship 3
**ENGL 7783** Practicum in Second Language Teaching 3

Total Credits 27

**Course Work Limitations**

A maximum of 6 semester credits taken outside of ENGL-prefixed courses may be counted toward degree requirements, with the approval of the Graduate Director.

**Comprehensive Examination**

Students are eligible to take the comprehensive exam after completing 36 credits beyond the M.A. Students must take the exam before defending the dissertation.

The comprehensive examination is both written and oral. The examination tests the student in the general areas listed below, but the student in consultation with his/her dissertation committee will design the specific subjects and reading lists on which he/she will be tested. The exam lists must be approved by all members of the student’s dissertation committee and then submitted, along with the dissertation proposal, to the Graduate Director for review, according to the guidelines in the English Graduate Handbook.

The exam areas are:

1. The student’s dissertation area
2. A broader field or literary period
3. An area in the teaching of English

The examining committee will consist of the three-member dissertation committee. In order to ensure that the examining committee has sufficient expertise to test the student in all three exam areas, the dissertation committee chair may propose to substitute a member of the dissertation committee with another member of the graduate faculty, so long as two members of the examining committee are English graduate faculty. The substitution must be approved by the Graduate Director.

The comprehensive examination may be repeated only once, and must be retaken within 12 months.

**Foreign Language Requirement**

Students must demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language, either modern or ancient, before the program of study is complete. The purpose of this requirement is for students to have a current knowledge of a language other than English and of its relation to the culture from which it originates.

Students may satisfy this requirement in one of the following ways:

1. By passing four semesters of one foreign language with an average grade of B, either during the course of study for the graduate degree or with an interval of no longer than FIVE years between the completion of the last language course and the beginning of graduate study in English at Idaho State University.

   Students who have a first language other than English will be considered to have satisfied this requirement.