English PhD

The PhD in English requires 90 semester hours beyond the bachelor's degree or 60 semester hours beyond the master's, including 51 hours of coursework, and a minimum of 9 dissertation hours (ENG 718).

Residency Requirement for the PhD in English

Students may satisfy residency requirements in one of two ways:

I. Serve as a Graduate Teaching Assistant (GAT) or Graduate Research Assistant (GAR) for at least one academic year. GATs and GARs will carry at least the minimum course load to maintain the assistantship, and GATs must successfully complete ENG 675. GATs will be mentored and observed in both the Writing Center and in teaching assistants' classrooms. In addition, students will be expected to observe others as they tutor and teach. Students will be encouraged to participate in the English Graduates for Academic Development (EGAD) organization and to submit papers for presentation in regional and national conferences. Students will also be expected to maintain contact with the Doctoral Coordinator for English periodically to make sure they are on track to complete their degree.

OR

II. Without the one-year teaching assistantship and ENG 675, students are required to take no fewer than four classes each year. In addition, students must maintain a portfolio of "residency activities" that contribute to professional development in their area of focus for each academic year prior to the completion of the comprehensive exam. The portfolio should document that development; in particular, the portfolio should be prefaced by a brief (2–3 pages) reflective analysis of the activities for that year.

Examples include:

- Conferences and workshops (attendance, participation, organization, etc.)
- Lectures and presentations
- Professional development activities
- Departmental academic advisement
- Development of multimedia resources
- Participation in student organizations (e.g. EGAD)

The Doctoral Coordinator will evaluate portfolios as part of students' annual review of academic progress. If professional development activities are judged inadequate, students will be informed within two weeks of the evaluation and asked to meet with the Doctoral Coordinator to make a plan to meet residency requirements.

English Ph.D

English Studies Foundations (18 semester hours)		18
18 semester hours minimum of ENG courses. ENG 615 + Choose 5 courses from the following with your advisor:		
ENG 615	Doctoral Studies in English	
ENG 501	Structure of the English Language	
or ENG 520	Contemporary Critical Practices in English Studies	
or ENG 546	Decoding Narrative	
or ENG 555	General Linguistics	
or ENG 599	Bibliography and Methods of Research	
or ENG 601	Rhetoric, Writing, and Community Literacy Foundations	
or ENG 609	Literary Dialogues	
or ENG 675	Practicum in Teaching Writing	
or ENG 681	Academic Genres	
Note: ENG 615 Doctoral Studies in English, is required of all doctoral students.		
Note: ENG 675, Practicum in Teaching Writing, is required of all Graduate Assistant Teachers		
Emphasis/Concentration (15 semester hours)		**15**
A selection of 15 semester hours in your primary emphasis area (Applied Linguistics, Literature and Culture, or Rhetoric and Writing) with advisor approval		
Secondary Area (12 semester hours)		**12**
A selection of 12 semester hours in a secondary emphasis area (Applied Linguistics, Literature and Culture, or Rhetoric and Writing) with advisor approval.		

Note: No more than 49% of coursework can be online with the exception of the fully online Applied Linguistics PhD.

Electives (6 semester hours)	**6**
6 semester hours of ENG or related discipline courses	
Research Tools	
For completion of the Ph.D. in the Department of Literature and Languages, students must meet the Research Tool requirement, which may be satisfied by completing one of the following five options:	
Option 1 - Completion of 12 semester hours of undergraduate-level courses in one foreign language.	
Option 2 - 6 semester hours of graduate-level courses in one foreign language.	
Option 3 - Successful completion of a foreign language proficiency exam.	
Option 4 - Verified native or near-native competence in a second language (existing fluency in a second language).	
Option 5 - Completion of any four of the following courses: ENG 501, ENG 520, ENG 599, ENG 615, ENG 675, ENG 680, ENG 681, ENG 686, ENG 775, ENG 776.	
These courses will count toward the total required hours for the degree.	
9 Dissertation Hours	
ENG 718 Doctoral Dissertation	9
Total Hours	**60**

English Ph.D. with emphasis/concentration in Applied Linguistics

Fully online

Applied Linguistics Track

Students begin with a general advisor (usually Program Director of MA/MS) – unless there is a different arrangement – this will usually change after the Professional Evaluation Process to a specific advisor.

On completion of 6 courses (18 credit hours) or two years in the program whichever comes first, PhD students will undertake a Professional Evaluation Process (PEP). This is usually in consultation with the program advisor but may be with another fulltime faculty member.

[NOTE: For students who have completed their MA/MS in Applied Linguistics at TAMUC, the 18 hour rule does not apply]

The 18 hours must include:

ENG 501 Structure of English (or its equivalent)
ENG 555 General Linguistics (or its equivalent)
ENG 599 Bibliography and Methods (or its equivalent)
ENG 615 Professing English
ENG 686 Quantitative Methods
ENG 687 Qualitative Methods

Professional Evaluation Process (after 18 credit hours).

1. Completion of 18 applicable graduate hours at a minimum of 3.5 (i.e., no more than 3 Bs in the first 18 hours of classwork).
2. If applicable, performance in a teaching or research assistantship.
3. Evidence of engagement in professionalization in the field: This may include:
   a. Joining a professional organization such as TESOL, AAAL, local/regional TESOL groups
   b. Giving a professional presentation
   c. Attending a regional/national/international conference
   d. Attending workshops/symposia/guest lectures in person or online
   e. Volunteer activities in literacy/refugee/library programs
4. One page career orientation plan: The plan should cover both short-term (during the PhD Program) and long-term career plans/goals and the appropriate preparation plan.
5. Qualifying Exam (Submission of two research papers & an oral exam)

1. The student submits two research papers to the PEP committee for their consideration. These may be PhD course papers that have been graded by faculty or an original research contribution proposed for a conference or publication. At least one member of fulltime faculty must sign off on each paper as appropriate to submit for PEP.

2. Oral Exam (30-60 mins): The objective of the oral exam is for the PEP committee to determine your ability to successfully complete the program. Several areas of competence are considered: 1) your comprehension of principles and concepts basic to the discipline; 2) the strength of your academic writing; and 3) your facility with research and scholarly activity.

18 hours in area of Emphasis/Concentration

	Choose 6 from the following:	
ENG 501	Structure of the English Language	3
ENG 555	General Linguistics	3
ENG 557	Teaching English as a Second/Other Language Methods I	3
ENG 558	Sociolinguistics	3
ENG 559	Lang & Culture in Class	3
ENG 562	Psycholinguistics	3
ENG 597	Special Topics	0-3
ENG 657	Teaching English as a Second/Other Language Methods II	3
ENG 658	Sound Systems of English: Pedagogical Applications of Phonology & Phonetics	3
ENG 670	Pragmatics & Language Tchg	3
ENG 671	Discourse Analysis	3
ENG 672	Second Language Acquisition	3
ENG 682	Machine Learning for Linguists	3
ENG 683	Algorithm Design for Linguists	3
ENG 686	Quantitative Methods for Linguists	3
ENG 687	Qualitative Methods for Linguists	3
ENG 690	Etymology: The History of Words	3

6 hours in Secondary Area

These 6 hours comprise advisor approved courses for individual student degree plans

ENG 615	Doctoral Studies in English (3 semester hours required)	3
	Choose 1 course (3 semester hours) from the following:	
ENG 513	Computers and Writing	3
ENG 570	Cultural Rhetorics	3
ENG 613	Digital Humanities	3
ENG 680	Writing Studies	3
	Remaining 15 semester hours from the following options:	
ENG 579	Style and Stylistics	3
ENG 599	Bibliography and Methods of Research	3
ENG 611	Writing with Digital Media	3
ENG 612	Privacy-Surveillance Rhetorics	3
ENG 675	Practicum in Teaching Writing	3
ENG 681	Academic Genres	3
ENG 688	Teaching and Researching L2 Writing	3
ENG 697	Special Topic	3
ENG 771	Writing Democracy	3
ENG 776	Writing Studies Methods and Methodologies	3
	Plus 6 semester hours from the following options:	
ENG 509	Literary Genres	3
ENG 510	Introduction to Film Studies	3
ENG 515	Histories & Theories of Rhetoric	3
ENG 519	American Literature in Transition: 1865–1914	3
ENG 520	Contemporary Critical Practices in English Studies	3
ENG 526	Studies in Shakespeare	3
ENG 531	Major Figures and Movements in British Literature	3
ENG 534	Medieval and Renaissance British Literature	3
ENG 597	Special Topics	0-3
ENG 610	Studies in Film Genres	3

ENG 677	Topics in Rhetoric, Writing, and Community Literacies	3
ENG 697	Special Topic	3
ENG 710	Film Theory and Criticism	3
ENG 780	Gender Narratives	3

6 semester hours of electives

Electives are chosen in conjunction with the advisor and based on each student's individual focus. Relevant courses from the following departments can meet this requirement:

Department of Literature and Languages

ENG 509	Literary Genres	3
ENG 510	Introduction to Film Studies	3
ENG 513	Computers and Writing	3
ENG 515	Histories & Theories of Rhetoric	3
ENG 519	American Literature in Transition: 1865–1914	3
ENG 520	Contemporary Critical Practices in English Studies	3
ENG 526	Studies in Shakespeare	3
ENG 531	Major Figures and Movements in British Literature	3
ENG 534	Medieval and Renaissance British Literature	3
ENG 546	Decoding Narrative	3
ENG 559	Lang & Culture in Class	3
ENG 562	Psycholinguistics	3
ENG 570	Cultural Rhetorics	3
ENG 597	Special Topics	0-3
ENG 609	Literary Dialogues	3
ENG 610	Studies in Film Genres	3
ENG 613	Digital Humanities	3
ENG 671	Discourse Analysis	3
ENG 672	Second Language Acquisition	3
ENG 677	Topics in Rhetoric, Writing, and Community Literacies	3
ENG 680	Writing Studies	3
ENG 686	Quantitative Methods for Linguists	3
ENG 687	Qualitative Methods for Linguists	3
ENG 697	Special Topic	3
ENG 710	Film Theory and Criticism	3
ENG 780	Gender Narratives	3
ENG 682	Machine Learning for Linguists	3
ENG 683	Algorithm Design for Linguists	3

Department of Computer Science and Information Systems

Any 6 semester hours in CSCI (excluding CSCI 518 & CSCI 595)

Department of Psychology and Special Education

PSY 511	Cognitive Science	3
PSY 514	Theories of Human Learning	3
PSY 515	Neuromechanisms/Biological Bases of Behavior	3
PSY 517	Intro to Hum-Comp Inter Design	3
PSY 572	Psychological Assessment and Measurement	3
PSY 573	Intellectual Assessment I	3
PSY 575	Personality Theories and Assessment	3
PSY 597	Special Topics	0-3
PSY 605	Single Subject Designs	3
PSY 610	Nonparametric Statistics	3
PSY 612	Psy Ed Statistics	3
PSY 620	Intro to Human Cognition	3
PSY 621	Advanced Cognition	3

PSY 625	Cognition and Instruction I	3
PSY 626	Cognition/Instruction II	3
PSY 627	Social Cognition	3
PSY 645	Introduction to Learning Technology	3
PSY 670	Multivariate Analysis	3
PSY 681	Intermediate Statistics	3
Sociology & Criminal Justice		
SOC 535	Readings in Sociology	3
SOC 574	Sociological Theory	3
SOC 576	Data Analysis in Social Research	3
SOC 577	Qualitative Methodology	3
Research Tools		
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9 Dissertation Hours		
ENG 718	Doctoral Dissertation	9
Total Hours		**66**

Successful completion of the Comprehensive Exam is required of all students.