1. Courses
   Ph.D. students must complete 54 credit hours (if entering with a B.A.) or 36 credit hours (if entering with an M.A.) of 600-level courses in literature and literary theory.

2. Language Requirements
   A basic reading knowledge of two foreign languages or an advanced reading knowledge of one foreign language is required.

3. Qualifying Examination
   All Ph.D. students are required to pass a qualifying examination. Students may not take the qualifying examination until they have:
   - completed the required Ph.D. coursework,
   - satisfied the foreign language requirement
   - enrolled for ENG 697.

4. Dissertation
   Students may proceed with the dissertation after the dissertation committee has been appointed and the dissertation proposal has been accepted by the committee and approved by the department. The dissertation itself must be an investigation of a substantial critical or scholarly topic. A final oral defense of the dissertation is required.

Further information on the department’s graduate programs is contained in the Guide to Graduate Study available from the Department of English and posted on the department Web site in the Graduate section. Students must complete their work within one year of the schedule set out in the Guide to Graduate Study.