

# Ph.D. in English

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The academic regulations for this degree program, as entered in the University of Mississippi Catalog, are in effect for the current or selected academic year and semester. The University of Mississippi reserves the right to 1) change or withdraw courses; 2) change rules for registration, instruction, and graduation; and 3) change other regulations affecting the student body at any time.

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
<a href="#">Engl 600</a>	3	Student must complete <a href="#">Engl 600</a> .
<a href="#">Engl 797</a>	18	Student must complete at least 18 hours of dissertation credit ( <a href="#">Engl 797</a> ).
Add'l course work	6	Student must complete an additional 6 hours of course work. Up to 6 hours may be taken in related disciplines and/or directed reading. Graduate instructors teaching freshman compositions are required to complete <a href="#">Engl 617</a> (Teaching College English). All courses must be approved by the student's GPC/Chair.
Adv candidacy exam		Student must successfully pass the Advanced Candidacy Examination.
Dissertation prospectus		Student must complete an approved dissertation prospectus.
Literature before 1800	6	Student must complete 6 hours of course work in English or American literature before 1800. Each course must be approved by the student's GPC/Chair.
Literature after 1800	6	Student must complete 6 hours of course work in English or American literature after 1800. All courses must be approved by the student's GPC/Chair.
Oral defense		Every candidate for the Ph.D. degree must successfully pass a final oral examination (defense of dissertation) administered by the student's dissertation committee and scheduled by the Graduate School.
Submit Dissertation		Student must submit a dissertation to his/her GPC/Chair. The dissertation must conform to the regulations governing style set forth in "A Manual of Thesis and Dissertations Preparations", available in the Graduate School Office. Two copies of the dissertation must be presented to the Graduate School after the final examination for the doctorate has been accepted and before the beginning of the regular examination period for the semester in which the candidate plans to graduate.
Theory course	3	Student must complete at least 3 hours in literary, critical, cultural, rhetorical, or composition theory.
GPA requirements		A cumulative average of not less than 3.0 (B) must be achieved in all graduate work taken.
Liberal Arts Dean's approval		This Degree Audit program is an advising tool only. The student must still apply for a degree by returning a completed Degree Application Form to the dean's office before the last day to add classes in the semester preceding the semester in which the student expects to graduate. The Dean's Office will make the final certification that the courses listed on the application qualify the student for graduation. The Dean's Office will also determine if other university requirements (GPA, etc.) have been met.

