Requirements for the Degree

(Also available at: http://academics.utep.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=4662)

A minimum of 45-51 credit hours beyond the MA.

15 hours of core courses,
9 hours in a concentration,
3 hours of graduate seminar,
3 hours of an internship course,
3 hours of an elective course, and
12 hours of research courses, including the dissertation.

A. Foundation (Prerequisite) Courses

English 5309: Introduction to Rhetoric and Writing Studies
English 5346: English Teaching Methods

B. Required Core Courses
English 6310: Rhetorical History I
English 6311 Rhetorical History II
English 6319: Composition Studies
English 6320: Advanced Critical Theories (Rhetorics of Race and Ethnicity)
English 6321: Rhetoric and Technology

C. Concentration
Three courses on a particular topic (in or outside of the English Department) according to the student's interest with the advisor's approval.

D. Graduate Seminar
English 6130: Graduate Seminar in Rhetoric

E. Internship

English 5317: Professional Writing Internship
OR
English 5318: Community Literacy Internship

F. Elective
Any graduate-level English course or an approved course from a related discipline outside of the English Department.

G. Research Courses
English 6395: Dissertation Preparation
English 6398 and 6399: Dissertation

H. Maximum Time to Completion

Students accepted into the PhD program in Rhetoric and Composition must complete all requirements for the degree within eight years.

I. Language Requirement

All students must demonstrate a reading knowledge of a language other than English sufficient to conduct research using primary and secondary sources. The PhD program's emphasis on intercultural writing on the U.S./Mexican border will lead many students to elect Spanish to satisfy this requirement.

J. Qualifying Exams

Students will take qualifying exams after successful completion of the language requirement and all courses with the exception of English 6395 and the dissertation.