Change in Graduate Requirements Approval Form

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To be returned as a Word e-mail attachment to Leatrice Smith at (gonzo@ku.edu) and it will be forwarded to the Committee on Graduate Studies (CGS). Submission Deadlines can be found at http://www2.ku.edu/~clas/faculty/policies/.

This is a request for (please check):

☑ Change in exiting degree REQUIREMENT
☒ New option or track within existing degree
☐ Deletion of existing degree
☐ New certificate or equivalent
☐ Change in existing certificate or equivalent
☐ Deletion of existing certificate or equivalent

I. STATE PROPOSAL IN DETAIL. List all new requirements, changes or deletions. Include current requirements and specify what is being changed (if anything).

Please see attached

II. STATE JUSTIFICATION FOR MAKING CHANGES. Give a brief, but complete, explanation of the reasons for making the proposal.

Please see attached

III. EFFECTIVE DATE. Unless otherwise requested by the department and approved by CGS and College Assembly, the new requirements will apply to students whose KU initial term is the one immediately following final approval of the requirements.

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IV. CONSULTATION WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS OF THE UNIVERSITY. If the proposal includes requiring coursework from any other department or school within the University, written approval from the chairperson or dean of that department or school must be provided to the Graduate School.

DEPARTMENTAL SIGNATURES

Director of Graduate Studies

Chair

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Date approved by Subcommittee: Comments:

Date approved by CGS: Comments:

Date approved by College Assembly: Comments:

Date Graduate School Notified: Comments:

Date Office of the Registrar Notified: Comments:

Date Department/Program Notified: Comments:
I. State Proposal in Detail (see also attached)

Doctor of Philosophy with Specialization in Rhetoric and Composition

The attached document that was approved by the English Department describes a track within the existing Ph.D. for students specializing in rhetoric and composition. It is designed to move students straight from a B.A. to a Ph.D., potentially completed within five years. The existing track for a regular M.A. and Ph.D. would continue unchanged.

In order to show the new requirements aside the existing, we have compiled the two below. Since the proposal does not require students to stop for an M.A. examination or thesis, or to receive an M.A., we assume that the requirements the committee would like to see compared are those of the existing Ph.D. and the proposed Ph.D. with specialization in rhetoric and composition. Current requirements are listed first; the new requirements follow in italics. The existing Ph.D. remains, since this proposes an alternative for one specialization only.

Requirements for Doctor of Philosophy in English
Current Course Requirements; New Requirement or Changes in Italics

1. At least 24 hours of credit in appropriate formal graduate courses beyond the M.A. or M.F.A. At least 15 hours (in addition to 800 if not taken for the M.A.) of this course work must be taken from among courses offered by the Department of English at the 700-level and above. English 997 and 999 credits cannot be included among the 24 hours. Students may petition to take up to 6 hours outside the Department.

1. At least 36 hours of credit in appropriate formal graduate courses beyond the B.A. At least 30 hours of this course work must be taken from among courses offered at the 700-level and above. English 997 and 999 credits cannot be included among the 36 hours. Students in this specialization may take up to 12 hours outside the Department without petition, with written approval by the students’ graduate advisors. Students may petition to take more hours outside the Department, with the approval of their graduate advisors and provided they can demonstrate how the courses fit within their programs of study.

2. English 800.

2. An introduction to the field: either English 800 Introduction to Graduate Study in English or English 780 Composition Studies

3. Two seminars offered by the Department of English at the University of Kansas, beyond the M.A. or M.F.A.

3. At least 3 seminars offered by the Department of English at the University of Kansas, at least two of which should be in Rhetoric and Composition.

4. English 999, Dissertation (at least 24 hours).

4 English 999, Dissertation (at least 12 hours).
NOTE: Students with M.A.s or M.F.A.s earned elsewhere may be required by the Graduate Director, acting on behalf of the Graduate Committee, to take additional course work. Each student beyond the Master's degree should confer regularly with the Graduate Director regarding his or her progress toward the comprehensive examination and the doctorate. Doctoral students may take graduate courses outside the English Department if, in their opinion and that of the Graduate Director and the Graduate Committee, those courses will be of value to them. Their taking such courses will not, of course, absolve them of the responsibility for meeting all the normal departmental and Graduate School requirements.

Note on the M.A. degree: This 5-year program is designed for students who wish to pursue the Ph.D. degree without an intermediary M.A. degree. Students who decide not to pursue the Ph.D. after at least 30 hours of coursework may elect to stop at a Master of Arts degree by successfully passing the Department's Option II Final Oral Examination. Note that this examination requires knowledge of literature from a range of periods, for which students would need to prepare themselves.

Note for students with M.A. degrees: Students with M.A. degrees, either from the University of Kansas or elsewhere, may apply to and be admitted to this Ph.D. program. Prior coursework that is relevant to this specialization may reduce the number of required hours if approved by the student's graduate advisor in consultation with the Department's Graduate Director.

Note on English 998: A student wishing to enroll in English 998 (Investigation and Conference) must secure the prior approval of the graduate faculty member with whom he or she intends to work. Six hours of ENGL 998 may be counted toward the 24-hour course credit required.

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FOREIGN LANGUAGE OR RESEARCH SKILL (FLORS) REQUIREMENTS
For Doctoral students, the Department requires either a reading knowledge of two approved foreign languages or research skills or fluency in one: Old English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Japanese, Greek, Latin, or Hebrew. Upon successful petition, a candidate may substitute reading knowledge of another language that is studied at the University or is demonstrably appropriate to the candidate's program of study. Doctoral students must fulfill the FLORS requirement before they take their comprehensive examination. Students are permitted three attempts at passing each foreign language or research skill. For methods of satisfying the language requirement, see above.

For Doctoral students in Rhetoric and Composition, the Department requires demonstration of skills relevant to the students' areas of study: either a reading knowledge of two relevant foreign languages, fluency in one foreign language, competency in two technical research skills relevant to the students' areas of study and acceptable to the students' graduate advisors, or a combination of reading knowledge in one foreign language and competency in one technical research skill.
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For methods satisfying the language requirement, see above, page 9. For methods satisfying the technical research skills, consult with the student's graduate advisor. In general, research skills require completion of a course or its equivalent.

TEACHING REQUIREMENT [no change]
At least one year of supervised quarter-time teaching is required of Ph.D. candidates, except for those who do not plan to undertake a teaching career or who have already had extensive teaching experience. Students in either category must confer with the Graduate Director and receive his/her written permission to be excused from the teaching requirement. The Department offers a number of graduate teaching assistantships to highly qualified graduate students each year. Contact the Director of Freshman-Sophomore, Professor Michael L. Johnson, for more information.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT [no change]
An important element in the prior planning of a student's doctoral program is the residence requirement, which may not be waived or satisfied merely by identification of formal enrollment. Two semesters, which may include one summer session, must be spent in resident study at the University of Kansas. During this period of residence, the student must be involved full-time in academic or professional pursuits, which may include an appointment for teaching or research, if the teaching/research is directed specifically toward the student's degree objectives.
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We have typically used the following combinations of credit hours/employment to satisfy the residency requirement.

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Employment outside the department may be used to fulfill part of the residency requirement, as long as the student can show how the employment relates to his or her degree. Any questionable employment will have to be petitioned, with support from the student's department.

Note: Even though foreign students are only required to enroll in nine (9) credit hours to be considered full-time by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Graduate Studies Office requires full-time enrollment as noted above in order to fulfill the Ph.D. residence requirement.

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION [same as existing until areas to be covered, below:]
Existing:

For students pursuing the Ph.D. in Composition and Rhetoric:
During the oral examination (not to exceed three hours in length), a student will be tested on three areas:
1. The literature of modern composition studies.
2. One of the following broad areas of study:
   a. Rhetorical history
   b. A specific body of Theory
   c. English Language and Linguistics