**PhD in Rhetoric and Composition**

**Course Requirements**

Department of English

Georgia State University

**Research Skills Requirement**

Candidates for both the M.A. and PhD with an emphasis in rhetoric, composition, and technical and professional writing are expected to fulfill the graduate research requirement or to have received a grade of B or higher in either of the following course sets:

1. both [ENGL 8121](javascript:void(0)) (Rhetoric of Digital Media) and [ENGL 8123](javascript:void(0)) (Digital Media Production), or
2. both ENGL 8122 (User Experience Research) and ENGL 8124 (Web Programming for Writers).

**Course Requirements**

A total of thirty hours of course work beyond the M.A. level (including, if desired, a maximum of six hours of coursework in related fields offered by other departments);

1. 15 Hours of the following courses (if not taken at the MA level):
   * ENGL 8170 History & Theory of Rhetoric & Composition I
   * ENGL 8171 History & Theory of Rhetoric & Composition II
   * ENGL 8180 Contemporary Issues in Writing Studies
   * [ENGL 8120](javascript:void(0)) Writing for Academic Publication (Pro Seminar)
   * ENGL 8125 Writing and Research Methodology;
2. Nine hours of rhetoric, composition courses, technical communication and strongly related courses
3. To complete the 30-hour requirement, electives as needed in rhetoric and composition, language, theory, literature, or any strongly related fields of study outside of English (with approval from the student's advisor and the Director of Graduate Studies and with a maximum of six hours of coursework outside of rhetoric and composition)
4. Twenty hours of [ENGL 8999](javascript:void(0)) Thesis Research.