

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ENGLISH (PH.D.)

Purpose

The Ph.D. in English program exists to highlight, value, and learn from the great literary giants throughout Western and World cultures. This program is purposefully broad-based to encourage students to explore the influential authors throughout a time, place, and literary genre, while also providing the opportunity for in-depth research through an original and scholarly dissertation.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Evaluate texts from a Christian worldview perspective.
- Evaluate existing scholarship and theory in an area of English studies.
- Apply wide-ranging knowledge of literary texts and scholarly literature in English studies.
- Conduct scholarly research that contributes original ideas and demonstrates expertise in an area of English studies.

Program Specific Admission Procedures

In addition to the general admission requirements, specific admission procedures to the Ph.D. in English are as follows:

1. Earned master's degree in English, Composition, American Literature, British Literature, World Literature, Rhetoric, Linguistics, Journalism, Creative Writing, or Professional Writing or their equivalent or an MFA in Creative Writing from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., SACSCOC, TRACS, ABHE, etc.)
2. Applicants should hold a 3.00 GPA for graduate study. Applicants close to the requirement may be considered for enrollment in the program on a cautionary basis.
3. Writing Sample of a minimum of 1500 words
4. Up to 21 hrs. may be transferred from a previously conferred master's degree noted above.
5. TOEFL (if applicable)

Transfer Credit

Students may transfer up to 21 credit hours from an accredited institution subject to department approval. In order to transfer credit, students must have earned the minimum grade of B-, and courses must have been completed within 10 years of the start date of the program. Credits from a prior degree on the same academic level earned through Liberty University are considered transfer credits.

Administrative Dismissal

When a student earns more than two grades of C+/C/C- or more than one grade of D+ or lower, he/she will be subject to administrative dismissal.

Program of Study Delivery Format: Online Only

- English (Ph.D.)

Career Opportunities

- Teacher
- Professor
- Writer
- Editor
- Literary Agent