

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## NDSU Ph.D. in Rhetoric, Writing, and Culture: Plan of Study

### Degree Requirements

The Ph.D. program requires 90 credits beyond the baccalaureate degree and a minimum of 60 graduate credits at NDSU. Students must take a minimum of 30 credits at the 7xx level.

#### 1. Core, 6 Credits

- \_\_\_\_\_ English 760: Graduate Scholarship
- \_\_\_\_\_ English 755: Composition Theory
- \_\_\_\_\_ English 764: Classroom Strategies for TAs

#### 2. Research Methods, 6 Credits

*Students select, in consultation with their advisor, two of the following.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ English 762: Critical Theory
- \_\_\_\_\_ English 756: Composition Research
- \_\_\_\_\_ Communication 708: Advanced Qualitative Methods in Communication
- \_\_\_\_\_ Communication 767: Rhetorical Criticism
- \_\_\_\_\_ History 701: Methods of Historical Research
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sociology 700: Qualitative Methods

#### 3. Didactic Courses, 33 Credits

A. *Didactic Courses: Rhetoric and Writing, 18 credits. (six classes required)*

*At least two must be from English.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ English 654: Language Bias
- \_\_\_\_\_ English 655: International Technical Writing
- \_\_\_\_\_ English 656: Literacy Studies
- \_\_\_\_\_ English 659: Researching/Writing Grants and Proposals
- \_\_\_\_\_ English 752: Writing Invention to Innovation
- \_\_\_\_\_ English 753: Rhetoric and Poetics of New Media
- \_\_\_\_\_ English 754: Rhetorics of Science/Technology
- \_\_\_\_\_ English 758: Topics in Rhetoric and Writing
- \_\_\_\_\_ English 759: History of Writing Instruction

*At least two must be from Communication. (contact your advisor and the graduate director to discuss substitutions)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Communication 752: Theory of Argument
- \_\_\_\_\_ Communication 755: Rhetoric of Environmental Sciences
- \_\_\_\_\_ Communication 761: Survey of Rhetorical Theory
- \_\_\_\_\_ Communication 782: Theories of Persuasion

B. *Didactic Courses: Electives, 15 credits. (students select five classes)*

*Any graduate-level class not listed elsewhere on student's degree schedule, approved by student's advisor.*

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#### 4. Proficiency in English Studies, 24 Credits

Students must show proficiency in English studies. They may do so by transferring in graduate credits in this area or by taking English 6xx and 7xx literature and linguistics classes not listed as part of the English Ph.D. These credits are either prerequisite or co-requisite with the Ph.D.

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#### 5. Experiential Learning, 6 Credits

- a) Teaching Mentorship (0-6 credits), may be taken twice. Students work with faculty to read theory and co-teach 200, 300, or 400 level class.
- b) Internship (0-6 credits), may be taken twice. Students work outside or inside academy in administrative, editing, consulting, or writing roles.
- c) Life Experience (0-3 credits). Students submit a writing or teaching portfolio reflecting professional experience prior to enrolling in the program

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#### 6. Comprehensive Exams

Comprehensive Exams are taken when 72 credits are complete; the Dissertation Proposal is submitted after successful completion of the Comprehensive Exams.

Area: _____	Director: _____
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Synthesis Paper Title: _____	Date Passed: _____

#### 7. Proficiency in Language & Research Skill

Language: _____	How Demonstrated: _____	Date Certified: _____
Research Skill: _____	How Demonstrated: _____	Date Certified: _____

#### 8. Dissertation, 15 credits

The committee is comprised of a director and two members from within the department and a member from outside the department, who ideally is selected by the student but can be assigned by the Graduate School.

Title: _____
Director: _____
Member: _____
Member: _____
Outside Member: _____