

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY – ENGLISH – 2022-23**  
**FOR CONTINUING M.A./Ph.D. STUDENTS**

*In addition to departmental requirements, candidates for graduate degrees must fulfill University requirements described in the “Graduate Education” section of the UCSB General Catalog.*

***This plan is for students who completed the English M.A. at UCSB. The Ph.D. requires a minimum of 12.0 units of graduate-level core and elective coursework in addition to the M.A. coursework. All courses must be taken for a letter grade and completed with a ‘B’ or better. 8 of the 12 required units must be taken in the English Department. Students are expected to maintain a GPA of at least 3.0. Time-to-advance to candidacy is 4 years; time-to-degree completion is 7 years***

ELECTIVE COURSES (12.0 Units Minimum)			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	Grade

**SECOND QUALIFYING EXAM (DISSERTATION CONFERENCE)**

At the appropriate time during the program, but no later than their tenth quarter, students will sit down with their dissertation committee for a ninety-minute conference on the dissertation project based on a four-to-five-page prospectus and a bibliography of at least fifty works to be constructed by the candidate in consultation with their committee and pre-approved by the Graduate Committee. The bulk of the dissertation conference will consist of a conversation about the dissertation in which faculty help the student to think through the concept of the project, probe problems with its structure or materials, and understand its relation to other issues and methods of current professional interest.

The dissertation conference will not be primarily an event that a student "passes" or "fails," though its completion will mark official advancement to candidacy. Instead, it will figure most importantly as the beginning of an ongoing process of supervising the development of the dissertation.

Second Qualifying Exam Completed on: \_\_\_\_\_

**DISSERTATION**

The final requirement for the Ph.D. is for the candidate to complete a dissertation, which should be an original contribution to criticism or scholarship. An oral defense of the dissertation is not required.

**Doctoral Committee:** Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_\_