Admission into the Ph.D. Program

Prerequisites (if applicable)

Complete Prerequisites

Complete Ph.D. Course Work

Select Dissertation Advisor

Take Comprehensive Exams: includes 4 elements:
1. Three written exams
2. One oral exam
* Students may repeat the exam twice

Comprehensive Exam Completed

Yes

No

Retake

Pass

Fail

Dismissal from the Ph.D.

Select Dissertation Committee

Take the Doctoral Readings Exam (Creative Writing only)

Submit HSIRB protocol (if necessary)

HSIRB approval granted

Resubmit for approval

Defend the dissertation Proposal (Literature and English Education only)

Complete foreign language requirement:
Two (2) 400-level courses of basic reading in at least one foreign language, OR translation exam, OR demonstrated competency

Complete The Graduate College (TGC) Forms

Schedule the Dissertation Defense and Apply for Graduation Auditing

Oral Dissertation Defense completed

Decision Made by the Committee

Yes

No

Revisions Required

Submit back to the Committee & get approval

Submit Electronic Thesis Dissertation ETD “Optional”

Refer to the Graduate College

Submit Standard Dissertation

Graduation

Go to Narrative

Go to Time to Degree

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1. Admission into the Ph.D. program.
2. Complete prerequisites if applicable.
3. Complete Ph.D. course work.
5. Take comprehensive exams: Three written exams and one oral exam in selected areas. Exams may be repeated twice.
6. Form dissertation committee.
7. Take doctoral readings exam (Creative Writing only).
8. Submit HSIRB protocol (if necessary).
10. Complete foreign language requirement: two 400-level courses of basic reading in at least one foreign language, OR translation exam, OR demonstrated competency
11. Complete The Graduate College (TGC) forms
12. Schedule the dissertation defense and apply for the Graduation Audit
13. Complete the oral dissertation defense
14. Finish the required revisions
15. Submit back to committee for approval
17. Graduation
Phase 1
Average Completion Timeline: Doctoral Degree in English (4.75 years)
Admission into Program 3.43 Years Comprehensive Exam 1.17 Years Dissertation Defense 0.14 Years Graduation
Phase 1
Phase 2
Phase 3

Note: Information above is based on data collected from WMU Profiles of Graduated Doctoral Students AY: 2000 - 2006

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