DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN
THE FIELD OF ENGLISH WITH
OPTIONAL CONCENTRATIONS
IN ENGLISH OR AMERICAN
LITERATURE

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian
College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (http://
bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext).

The requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy Program (http://
bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#doctoraltext).

Required:

1. Coursework planned in consultation with the department
   advisor
2. A comprehension exam in a language approved by the
   department
3. A qualifying examination passed at the beginning of the
   student’s second year and a field examination passed by
   the end of the student’s coursework, topics and reading lists
   for which are designed in consultation with two graduate
   faculty advisors
4. A dissertation proposal after the field exam
5. A dissertation on an approved topic, directed by a member
   of the department’s graduate faculty, and completed by the
   end of the fifth year of study.

Each student plans a program of studies in consultation with
the department advisor and a committee of the graduate
faculty. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at
least 3.5.

Visit the program website (https://english.columbian.gwu.edu/
phd-program) for additional information.