

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
English Department Graduate Program

Notice of Intent to Take PhD Qualifying Examination

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ CWID _____

Mailing address: _____

Semester and year you plan to take the examination: _____

Computer use: _____ Yes _____ No

Please indicate two areas in which you plan to take the exam.

Are you retaking the exam? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please indicate the area(s) you wish to retake.

Date of Approval of Plan of Study _____ Grade point average _____

Foreign language requirement met by _____ Date _____

Signature of Student _____

Signature of Adviser _____

Approved: Graduate Director _____

Prerequisites for Ph.D. Qualifying Examination: Students must take their qualifying examination before the oral defense of the dissertation and no earlier than the last semester of course work. In order to take the exam, students must:

- Have fulfilled the foreign language requirement.
- Have a grade point average of at least 3.5 on all graduate work taken at OSU beyond the master's degree. Grades received for courses used to satisfy the foreign language requirement are not included in computing this 3.5 grade point minimum; all other courses carrying graduate credit are included. The grades from transfer hours which are included on the approved Plan of Study will be calculated in this grade point average.
- Have an approved Plan of Study on file with the Graduate College and with the English Department Graduate Coordinator.
- Submit the original copy of an approved dissertation prospectus. *Note:* This abbreviated prospectus is a Graduate College requirement. Your dissertation committee may require the submission of a more extensive prospectus after this is completed.
- Submit a copy of the reading list, signed by all members of the advisory committee.
- Submit an "Intent to Take Qualifying Examinations" form to the English Department Graduate Coordinator three weeks before the examinations begin.

Exam Areas. The sixteen subject areas for the PhD Qualifying Examination are

1. Early American Literature
2. Nineteenth-Century American Literature
3. Native American Language and Literature
4. Old and Middle English Literature
5. Renaissance British Literature (including Milton)
6. Restoration & Eighteenth-Century British Literature
7. Nineteenth-Century British Literature
8. Modern Literature in English
9. Contemporary Literature in English
10. Theory and Criticism
11. Practical Poetics and Fictional Rhetoric
12. Screen Studies
13. Composition and Rhetoric
14. Linguistics
15. Technical Writing
16. Teaching English as a Second Language

If you feel that you have a disability and need special accommodations, the Graduate Office will work with you and the Office of Student Disability Services (326 Student Union) to provide reasonable accommodations so that you have a fair opportunity to perform on this exam. If you have not done so already, please advise the Graduate Office of any disabilities and the desired accommodations as soon as possible.