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## Introduction

Welcome to the Graduate Program in Composition and Applied Linguistics. As a student in our program, you are a member of a global family of educators. Since you have chosen our program, chances are you share characteristics with the other members of this professional family. We hope you are deeply committed to students and the teaching of writing and language, and you are dedicated to becoming a better teacher. We also hope that you are deeply dedicated to scholarship and recognize that research is a vital part of being and becoming a teacher-scholar. Welcome into our community of teacher-scholars!

### Indiana University of Pennsylvania

With its original 1875 building still standing at the heart of campus, Indiana University of Pennsylvania has a long tradition of academic excellence. IUP has been recognized by numerous publications for its high academic standards and competitive costs. The university is consistently chosen by the Princeton Review for inclusion in its “Best Universities” publications. IUP was one of only five universities in Pennsylvania chosen for the 2007 Kiplinger's *Personal Finance* magazine's "Best Values in Public Colleges". IUP's Robert E. Cook Honors College is featured in Donald Asher's “Cool Colleges for the Hyper-Intelligent.” The University's mission, values, and vision further illustrate our commitment to high-quality education.

In 2006, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education awarded re-accreditation to IUP for the next 20 years, along with accolades for the University's "exemplary comprehensive self-study" and for its “outstanding faculty, student services and information technology.” The Middle States Commission, based in Philadelphia, is the primary accrediting body for all colleges and universities in Pennsylvania and the Middle Atlantic region of the U.S.

The University provides an intellectually challenging experience to close to 10,000 students at its main campus and branch campuses, all easily accessible from Pittsburgh and the Middle Atlantic region. IUP is part of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) and the only member authorized to confer Ph.D. degrees. IUP is classified by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education as a Doctoral/Research University.

Academic offerings include 130 undergraduate majors with a variety of internship and study abroad programs, more than sixty graduate degree programs. The variety and quality of instruction are characteristic of a big university, yet at IUP, close, one-to-one relationships develop within the teaching framework, and a strong sense of community prevails.

### IUP's Civility Statement

As a university of different peoples and perspectives, IUP aspires to promote the growth of all people in their academic, professional, social, and personal lives. Students, faculty, and staff join together to create a community where people exchange ideas, listen to one another with consideration and respect, and are committed to fostering civility through university structures, policies, and procedures. We, as members of the university, strive to achieve the following individual commitments:

**To strengthen the university for academic success**, I will act honestly, take responsibility for my behavior and continuous learning, and respect the freedom of others to express their views.

**To foster an environment for personal growth**, I will honor and take care of my body, mind, and character. I will be helpful to others and respect their rights. I will discourage intolerance, hatred, and injustice, and promote constructive resolution of conflict.

**To contribute to the future**, I will strive for the betterment of the community, myself, my university, the nation, and the world.

### Affirmative Action

<https://catalog.iup.edu/content.php?catoid=7&navoid=951>

### Title IX Reporting Requirement

<https://catalog.iup.edu/content.php?catoid=7&navoid=959>

### Student Conduct and Student Rights

<https://www.iup.edu/studentssupportandstandards/policies/index.html>

<https://catalog.iup.edu/index.php>

## Department of English Graduate Program in Composition and Applied Linguistics

Our doctoral program in Composition and Applied Linguistics is one of the oldest in the United States. The first class of students enrolled in the program (then called English Education, later Rhetoric and Linguistics, and most recently Composition and TESOL) in the summer of 1976, making our program one of the first doctoral programs of its kind in the United States. You can see the titles of recent dissertations later in this handbook. The program was revised in 1986--when it acquired its name of Composition and TESOL (C&T). In 2000, the faculty began working on revising the curriculum to include more state-of-the-art research and content courses to meet the changing demands in the fields, and the new curriculum proposal was approved in summer of 2018 with the most recent program name of Composition and Applied Linguistics (CAL).

Few graduate programs in the U.S. offer the rich blend of composition and Applied Linguistics from the perspective of the teacher-scholar. Our program is designed to help educators develop plans of study suited to their teaching and scholarly interests. In addition, graduate students have opportunities to work in the American Language Institute (ALI), which offers intensive programs in English for international students and visitors, the University's Writing Center, and in the English Department as teaching associates or part-time faculty members.

A survey by the Modern Language Association found that IUP's doctoral programs are among the most successful in terms of secure employment. In 1996-97, IUP granted 35 new graduates the doctorate in English from its two doctoral programs. Of these graduates, 94 percent obtained full-time employment in teaching, and three percent in other fields. This rate compares with a national average of 62 percent

finding employment in teaching out of other graduate programs. In addition, 65 percent of the 1996-97 graduates were hired for permanent, tenure-track jobs, compared with a national average of only 33 percent. A short survey in 2016 found that our students are still being hired at similar rates.

## Mission Statement and Program Objectives

Indiana University of Pennsylvania's doctoral program in Composition and Applied Linguistics provides students with a comprehensive, interdisciplinary, and research-based understanding of first and second language literacy instruction.

With accomplished, international faculty in the fields of Composition, TESOL, Rhetoric, and Applied Linguistics, our program offers the unique experience of working across disciplinary lines and integrating research on language, literacy, culture, and writing.

Our curriculum is built on the concept of the teacher-scholar. We help doctoral students conduct innovative research and we promote teaching practices that are informed by research. Our students become accomplished teacher-scholars known for their enthusiasm, research, teaching, and publications. They enjoy careers as faculty members, literacy researchers, writing program directors, academic administrators, and expert consultants.

The CAL program is one of the few programs in the world designed to give students the option of exploring first and second language literacy in English. We welcome students who wish to explore the ever-widening contexts of literacy and language around the world and who recognize the importance, value, and beauty of literacy research and instruction.

## Faculty and Staff

Our program's faculty members are teacher-scholars. They teach undergraduate as well as doctoral courses. They have written books used in graduate programs and published by scholarly presses: Boynton/Cook-Heinemann, Cambridge University Press, Continuum Press, Hampton Press, Multilingual Matters, National Council of Teachers of English, TESOL Publications, and University of Michigan Press

You will find their names in journals such as *College Composition and Communication*, *Composition Forum*, *Computers and Composition*, *English Journal*, *English Teaching Forum*, *Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy*, *Journal of Language, Identity, and Education*, *Praxis*, *Research in the Teaching of English*, *System: Teacher Development*, *TESOL Journal*, *TESOL Quarterly*, *Written Communication*, *The Writing Center Journal*, and *The Writing Instructor*.

And you will see them at conferences such as the American Association of Applied Linguistics, the annual convention of the National Council of Teachers of English, the College Language Association, the Conference on College Composition and communication, the International Society for Language Studies, the Linguistics Society of America, and the annual TESOL convention.

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**Areas of Specialty:** Narrative and Genre Theory, Digital Pedagogy, British Literature of the Long Eighteenth Century, Rise of the Novel, Romanticism, Women Writers, Skepticism, Satire, Literature of Conquest, The European and Transatlantic Enlightenments

**Methods & Theoretical Approaches:** Historicist Research Approaches, Philology, Narrative Inquiry, Textual Analysis

- Co-editor of *Grimm Realities: Identity and Justice in the Television Series*, McFarland (forthcoming, 2022)
- Co-editor of *Mocking Bird Technologies: Essays on the Comparative and Global Poetics of Bird Mimicry*, Fordham University Press, 2018.
- Invited Speaker, North-Eastern Modern Language Association, 2019
- Co-recipient of Teagle Foundation/ National Endowment of the Humanities Grant of \$200,000.
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- Author of over 10 scholarly articles and chapters on topics including genre theory, narrative theory, and digital pedagogy

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**Methods and theoretical approaches:** mixed methods research, qualitative research (interviews, observations, materials analysis), quantitative research (surveys, quasi-experimental classroom research, content analysis, computational analysis), longitudinal research, multi-institutional research, classroom research, writing assessment methods (qualitative and quantitative)

- Keynote Speaker, East Central Writing Centers Association and Middle East North African Writing Centers Association Conferences
- Article of the Year Award from International Writing Center Association (2012, with Sherry Wynn-Perdue)
- Co-Editor of *Writing Spaces*, an open-source textbook series for college composition courses
- Author of over 25 articles on research methods, learning transfer, writing development, and writing centers in journals such as *Writing Center Journal*, *Writing Program Administration*, *Composition Forum*, *Across the Disciplines*, *Assessing Writing*, *Computers and Composition* and various edited collections
- Co-Editor of Special Issue on writing transfer for *Writing Lab Newsletter* and editor of digital edited collection on *Writing Transfer through WLN*

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**Areas of specialty:** assessment, poetic ethnography, autoethnography, scientific studies of literature, creative writing, science education, graffiti, linguistic landscape research, research methodology and inquiry teaching.

**Methods & Theoretical Approaches:** Quantitative and qualitative research methods; Autoethnography; Poetic ethnography; Linguistic landscape research

- Recipient of multiple grants from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the National Science Foundation for research into research experiences, literacy, and science in the field of STEM education
- Article Publications in Science, Written Communication, CBE-Life Science Education, TESOL Quarterly, Journal of Applied Linguistics, Discourse Analysis, Research in the Teaching of English, Poetics, Poetics Today, Language Awareness
- Canadian Modern Language Review, Cognitive Linguistics, Teaching and Teacher Education and the Journal of Literary Semantics.
- Author of 8 books including: Poetry as Research, John Benjamins, 2009, Scientific Writing in a Second Language. Parlor Press, 2013; Scientific Discourse: Multiliteracy In The Classroom, Continuum Press, 2006 and Poetry and the Meaning of Life, Pippin Press, 2004.
- Lead Assessment Coordinator and Educational Researcher, SEA-PHAGES Program, Hatfull Laboratory, Pittsburgh Bacteriophage Institute
- Journal Editor: Scientific Study of Literature
- Book Series Editor: Language Studies in Science and Engineering, John Benjamins Publishing Group, 2016 recipient of the John Hayes Award for Excellence in Writing Research: Awarded for the manuscript titled "Measuring Voice in Poetry Written by Second Language Learners"

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**Areas of Specialty:** Composition, Narrative Inquiry, Comics Studies, Academic Leadership, Technology, Time Management, Technical Writing

**Methods & Theoretical Approaches:** Qualitative and quantitative research; Narrative inquiry; Superhero ethnomethodology

- IUP Distinguished University Professor and Chair of IUP English Department
- Co-Editor of Works and Days, Issues 63/64, "The Comics Studies Multiverse: Graphic Transformations in Education and Culture," 2015
- Co-Author of Enter the Superheroes: American Values, Culture, and the Canon of Superhero Literature, Rowman and Littlefield Publishing, 2013
- Co-Editor, Re-Mapping Narrative: Technology's Impact on the Way We Write, Hampton Press, 2008
- Author of Living the Narrative Life: Stories as a Tool for Meaning Making, Heinemann, 2004.

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**Areas of Specialty:** Language Teacher Identity, Critical Pedagogy, English Language Teaching and Teacher Education, Qualitative Research, Narrative Inquiry, Teachers' Narratives

**Methods & Theoretical Approaches:** Qualitative Methods, Narrative Inquiry, Phenomenology, Portraiture, (Auto)Ethnographic Poetic Inquiry, Critical and Feminist Research Approaches

- Author of *Narratives of East Asian women teachers of English: Where privilege meets marginalization*, released in September 2017 published by Multilingual Matters, LTD. in Cambridge, UK
- Editor of Volume entitled, *TESOL Encyclopedia of English Language Teaching: Teacher Training & Professional Development*. TESOL & Wiley, Inc., published in early 2018
- Co-editor of Language teacher identity in (multi)lingual educational contexts. Special Themed Issue for *TESOL Quarterly* (2016, September)
- Co-author of "Exploring the interplay of cultural capital, habitus, and field in the life histories of two West African teacher candidates". *Teacher Development: An International Journal of Teachers' Professional Development*, 20(5), (2016) with Carol Rinke & Lynnette Mawhinney.
- Recipient of Faculty Teaching Excellence Award (2014-2015) for Content Pedagogy
- Recipient of College of Humanities & Social Sciences Special Project Grants of over \$12,000.00 since 2013

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**Methods & Theoretical Approaches:**

- Author of articles in *TESOL Quarterly*; *English Teaching: Practice and Critique*; *TESOL Journal*; and other academic journals and book chapters
- Co-editor of in-press book, *New Materialisms in the Research and Teaching of Languages and Literacies*
- Speaker at national and international conferences including *American Association of Applied Linguistics*, *American Educational Research Association*, *Curriculum & Pedagogy Group*, *Conference on Curriculum Theory and Classroom Practice*, *Currere Exchange*
- Editorial advisory board member for *Multimedia Assisted Language Learning* and *The Society for Teaching English through Media*
- Peer Reviewer for multiple disciplinary journals including *TESOL Quarterly*; *Teacher Education*; *TESOL Journal*

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**Areas of Specialty:** Composition Theory, Creativity Theory, Educational Technology and Contemplative Pedagogy. His work focuses on ways in which teachers may use digital technologies to help students prosper as learners and creators.

**Methods & Theoretical Approaches:** A pioneer in online writing instruction, in 1996 Dan designed and taught the first online English Composition course ever offered at the University of Buffalo, State University of New York. Since then, he has continued to innovate teaching techniques that harness digital technologies' potential to support students' creative growth.

- D. Weinstein. (Forthcoming. 2020). Music Lessons for Writers: Practice, Performance and the Development of Voice in Writing. In C. Porter & R. Griffo (Eds.), *The Matter of Practice: New Materialisms in the Research and Teaching of Languages and Literacies*. Series: Research in Second Language Teaching. Information Age Publishing Inc.
- O. Gatta,, B. Siegel Finer, D. Weinstein, E. Wender (2019). The Threshold Concept Map: Plotting the Liminal Space of Students' Struggle to Learn to Write in College. *Currents in Teaching and Learning* 11(1), 80-95. <https://www.worcester.edu/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=13620>
- T. McDevitt, K. Sherwood, M. Vetter, D. Weinstein (2017) Critical Digital Praxis in Wikipedia: The Art+Feminism Edit-a-thon. *Hybrid Pedagogy*. <https://hybridpedagogy.org/wikipedia-art-feminism-edit-a-thon/>
- D. Weinstein (2016). Cultivating Compassion for Challenging Texts: A Contemplative Approach. In *The Art of Noticing Deeply: Commentaries on Teaching, Learning and Mindfulness*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing (pp. 187-204)
- G. Park, D. Weinstein (2014). Helping Students Connect: Architecting Learning Spaces for Experiential and Transactional Reflection. *Journal of Pedagogic Development*. 4(3), 14-23

## Admission

Students entering the program must have a master's degree with a GPA of at least 3.5 (above 3.5 to be competitive) in a language arts or education-related field such as composition, English, TESOL, applied linguistics, literature, or communication. A minimum of one year of teaching at the secondary, two-year, or four-year college/university level is also recommended. Students who do not meet these prerequisites may have to successfully complete (with a 3.5 GPA or better) one or more designated pre-courses in the spring or summer sessions before being fully admitted to the Ph.D. program.

All students must begin the program in the summer session. Graduate assistantship information (there is no longer a separate application, it is part of the application process), and a graduate catalog are available from IUP's School of Graduate Studies and Research (SGSR) website at <http://www.iup.edu/graduatestudies/>

Applicants should send completed admissions material directly to graduate admissions <http://www.iup.edu/admissions/graduate/>. IUP's SGSR notifies applicants of the admissions decision based on the recommendation of the CAL Program Director and the Composition and Applied Linguistics Admission Committee. Once admitted, each student is responsible for registering for classes on a first-come, first-served basis; once all seats are full in the beginning classes, newly admitted student may be wait-listed or deferred to a later semester before they can begin the program. A graduate student is

expected to assume full responsibility for knowing and fulfilling graduate program and university procedures and regulations.

**Application to the doctoral program in Composition and Applied Linguistics also includes:**

- An official transcript of all undergraduate coursework for which credit has been awarded:
- An official transcript of graduate level coursework for which a master's degree in English or a related area has been awarded with a minimum quality-point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale from an accredited institution of higher learning; a 3.5 is needed to be competitive with other applicants.
- Two detailed letters of recommendation (three preferred) from individuals qualified to assess the student's academic performance and potential for doctoral studies in the CAL program.
- A statement of goals. This should be well written and explain the applicant's research interests and how he or she hopes to pursue these interests through doctoral studies. As part of the goals, the applicant should explicitly specify 2-3 faculty in the program whose research interests align with their goals. Applicants are encouraged to visit the CAL website to learn more about program faculty and the research teams they lead.
- A writing sample that demonstrates their academic writing ability
- TOEFL, Test of English as a Foreign Language, and IELTS, International English Language Testing System, scores are not required for students from countries where the first language is English (principally the United States, Canada, England and the British Isles, and Australia), or when an applicant has earned a master's degree from a college or university in the United States. All other international applicants or applicants who are speakers of English as a second language are required to submit TOEFL or IELTS taken no more than one year prior to the expected date of enrollment. IUP's SGSR will not process applications lacking TOEFL or IELTS scores
  - We look for a minimum TOEFL score of 600 paper-based (PBT), 250 computer-based (CBT), or, 100 internet-based (iBT), and a minimum TWE (Test of Written English) score of 5.5. For the IELTS, we look for a score of at least 6.5 to be considered and a 7.0 to be competitive.
  - The linguistic proficiency of international students that is assessed by examining all application materials: the TOEFL or IELTS scores, recommendation letters, goal statement, and the presence of content courses in English on the applicant's transcripts.
- GRE scores are not necessary for the application process .
- Transfer credits are not accepted.

Upon acceptance, students will participate in an informal interview with the program director and then be assigned to a research team with an informal advisor. This advisor is likely to become the student's dissertation chair, but the student, advisor, and program director will have the opportunity to reconsider the most appropriate student-advisor fit post-coursework.

### Additional Information for International Applicants

In addition to the academic prerequisites and procedures for admission given above, international students must complete an international student preliminary application form and present evidence to IUP's SGSR of having financial resources sufficient to meet the cost of living in Indiana, Pennsylvania, the cost of travel to and from the student's native country, and the cost of graduate tuition and fees at IUP. Such evidence should be sent with the application packet directly to Graduate Admissions <http://www.iup.edu/admissions/graduate/>. IUP's SGSR gives notification to the university's foreign

student advisor of international student admissions; the foreign student advisor mails general information about the university, issues certificates of eligibility such as I20s, IAP-66s and related documents to admitted students. For more information for international students, please visit IUP's Office of International Education (OIE) website at <http://www.iup.edu/international/>

Graduate Admissions: [www.iup.edu/admissions/graduate/](http://www.iup.edu/admissions/graduate/)

For more information regarding Admission Classification and Provisional Admission for International Graduate Application, view the Graduate Catalog: [www.iup.edu/gradcatalog](http://www.iup.edu/gradcatalog)

## Financial Assistance

### Graduate Assistantships

Each year the CAL program is allocated a limited number of graduate assistantships. At IUP, these graduate assistantships are selectively awarded to highly qualified graduate students who have been admitted to degree programs. Assistantships are awarded based on academic excellence rather than financial need. Graduate Assistantships are under the supervision and CAL and other English Department faculty and may include work in the Kathleen Jones White Writing Center, the Punxsutawney Writing Center, or the American Language Institute. Assistantships may be renewable for a second year. Duties may include assisting on a research project, library research work, course assistance, and tutorial work.

SGSR issues assistantship contracts and the CAL Program Director makes assignments of graduate assistants to faculty members. Graduate Assistantships are not available for summer cohort students.

**Twenty-hour full assistantships** (awarded only to full-time regular year graduate students):

- Require approximately 20 hours of assigned duties per week during the Fall and Spring semesters (maximum of six hundred hours over the period of the assistantship)
- Pay a specific stipend amount
- Include a full tuition waiver for 9 graduate degree-required credits during both Fall and Spring semester.

**Ten-hour full assistantships** (awarded only to full-time regular year graduate students):

- Require approximately 10 hours of assigned duties per week during the Fall and Spring semesters (maximum of three hundred hours over the period of the assistantship)
- Pay a specific stipend amount
- Include a 50% tuition waiver for graduate degree-required credits during both Fall and Spring semester.

Stipends for assistantships may change from year to year. Potential applicants should check with the program director for current stipend levels.

The SGSR requires a minimum 3.5 GPA for all students holding a Graduate Assistantship. You can find out more about Graduate Assistantship Eligibility at <http://www.iup.edu/graduatestudies/resources-for-current-students/assistantships/>

International students are eligible to apply for graduate assistantships at IUP. The application process is identical to domestic students. As an international student, you can include the assistantship on your foreign financial statement; however, because not every applicant is guaranteed a GA, you also have to show other funding sources.

- <https://www.iup.edu/admissions/graduate/financialaid/index.html>
- Office of Financial Aid: [www.iup.edu/financialaid/](http://www.iup.edu/financialaid/)

## Academic Advisement

Upon admission, you will be assigned an advisor who will lead a research team comprised of both pre- and post-coursework CAL students. The logistics of the research teams vary by faculty member, but all teams follow these guidelines:

- The faculty member coordinates a research team made up of students interested in their research area.
- The team will have regular (at least once a month) meetings when the faculty member is on contract/working weeks.
- The faculty member will offer guidance and support for research professionalization.
- The team will participate in an annual CV workshop in coordination with the CAL Placement/Professionalization Coordinator.

Once you begin your dissertation process, your dissertation advisor becomes your primary advisor for the dissertation project. It is likely, but not required, that your dissertation advisor is the same person as your research team leader. In your last semester of course work, you will take ENGL 835: Research Design and the Craft of Writing. As part of this course, and in consultation with the CAL Program Director, you will finalize your dissertation advisor. The CAL program timeline suggests that within six months of completing your coursework, you put together your dissertation committee. This means that you should be ready to file your Research Topic Approval Form (RTAF) at that time. Your dissertation advisor must be a CAL Program Committee faculty member or an English Department member. CAL faculty members are listed in this handbook. If you would like to have a director who is not on the CAL program committee, you must seek approval from the CAL Program Director. Seeking approval involves submitting a statement of why the proposed advisor's expertise is appropriate for your project goals and a copy of the person's CV to the Program Director. If you have a director who is not a CAL Program Committee member, then the two readers on your committee must be CAL Program Committee members. The dissertation advisor is sometimes also referred to as the "dissertation chair" or "dissertation director."

The dissertation advisor's role is that of the leading member of the dissertation committee. You will work closely with your dissertation advisor from the inception of your topic through all the stages of the dissertation. If you need help choosing an advisor, please meet with the CAL Director, who can advise you on possible chairs for your committee given your topic.

It is your responsibility to stay in contact with your advisor on this regular basis to support your continuing progress.

Check in with your dissertation advisor on a regular basis after you finish course work and until you graduate. You should contact your advisor once a semester as a minimum to report on your progress.

## Campus Resources & Student Support

The School of Graduate Studies and Research: [www.iup.edu/graduatestudies/](http://www.iup.edu/graduatestudies/)  
Graduate Catalog: <https://catalog.iup.edu/index.php>  
Office of Student Billing: <https://www.iup.edu/student-billing/>  
Office of the Registrar: [www.iup.edu/registrar/](http://www.iup.edu/registrar/)  
Disability Support Services: [www.iup.edu/disabilitysupport/](http://www.iup.edu/disabilitysupport/)  
Office of Social Equity: [www.iup.edu/socialequity/](http://www.iup.edu/socialequity/)  
IUP Campus Library: [www.iup.edu/library/](http://www.iup.edu/library/)  
MyIUP: [www.iup.edu/myiup/](http://www.iup.edu/myiup/)  
IT Support Center: [www.iup.edu/itsupportcenter/](http://www.iup.edu/itsupportcenter/)  
Veterans and Service Members: [www.iup.edu/veterans/resource-center/](http://www.iup.edu/veterans/resource-center/)  
IUP Writing Center: [www.iup.edu/writingcenter/](http://www.iup.edu/writingcenter/)  
IUP Career and Professional Development Center: [www.iup.edu/career/](http://www.iup.edu/career/)  
IUP Parking Services and Visitor Center: [www.iup.edu/parking/](http://www.iup.edu/parking/)  
University Policy: [www.iup.edu/police/](http://www.iup.edu/police/) | 724-357-2141  
Crisis Intervention 24/7 Hotline: 1-877-333-2470  
Student Registration: [www.iup.edu/registrar/students/registration-resources/index.html](http://www.iup.edu/registrar/students/registration-resources/index.html)

## IUP Email

IUP offers an email account to all active students. **Your IUP email address is the primary means by which the university will contact you with official information and you should use for all IUP official communications. It is your responsibility to check your IUP email regularly.** Visit <https://www.iup.edu/itsupportcenter/get-support/e-mail-and-calendar/general/> to learn more about setting up this account. For more information regarding University Policy on email communications, view the Graduate Catalog: <https://catalog.iup.edu/index.php>

## Graduate Student Assembly

The Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) represents the graduate student body's interests at IUP and within the Indiana community. The GSA makes recommendations related to university-wide and graduate-specific policies and in areas of concern in the cultural, intellectual, and social life of the part- and full-time graduate student. Visit [www.iup.edu/graduatestudies/gsa](http://www.iup.edu/graduatestudies/gsa) for more information.



## Programs and Degrees

### Composition and Applied Linguistics Doctoral Program

#### Composition and Applied Linguistics Doctoral Program Requirements

The doctoral program in Composition and Applied Linguistics is designed for individuals who have a master's degree in English or a related area as well as teaching experience at the secondary or college level. Students admitted to the Graduate Studies in Composition and Applied Linguistics Program are responsible for meeting all program requirements to earn the Ph.D. degree.

#### Minimum Requirements for the Degree

- 36 credit hours of course work and a minimum of 12 dissertation credits.
- Steady progress each semester toward the degree. Students must maintain continuous registration in line with their cohort residency requirements during coursework and then maintain continuous registration for their dissertation work (fall/spring).
- Qualifying Portfolio: to be eligible to turn in a qualifying portfolio, students must be enrolled full-time during course work. All students must submit the portfolio at the end of their first Spring semester. Students must have passed their coursework with a 3.5 GPA in their courses, submit the portfolio when it is due, and pass the evaluation to continue in the program.
- Submission of a Research Topic Approval Form (RTAF) within 6 months of coursework completion.
- Culminating Evaluation/3-chapter Meeting following course work. Typically, this should be completed within one year of finishing coursework.
- Submission of an IRB protocol for research that involves human participants.
- Completion of 12 credit hours of ENGL 995 Dissertation by maintaining continuous enrollment of at least two dissertation credits (ENGL 995) each Fall and Spring semester (you do not need to register for dissertation hours during summer sessions) starting the semester after completing regular coursework. If the total of 12 credits is reached before a dissertation defense takes place, continuous enrollment must be maintained with the enrollment in one Extended Credit each Fall and Spring semester until the dissertation is completed. A student must be enrolled in the semester in which he/she uploads the final version of the dissertation to the School of Graduate Studies and Research (SGSR).
- Please be aware that missing one semester of enrollment is a violation of the continuous enrollment policy. If the student is not successfully enrolled by the official add/drop date of the next semester, the student will be inactivated in the program. Students inactivated from the program will not be considered for re-admission.
- Submission of the approved dissertation to the dissertation committee and the SGSR, (following the requirements of the Thesis/Dissertation Manual, available from SGSR website)
- Graduation no later than seven years from the date of the student's first course in the doctoral program.

#### Residency Requirement

All students are required to participate in a one-month in-person residency during the summer while they are completing coursework. Typically, students take two face-to-face courses during the summer



session. However, if you take an additional online course during the academic year, then you might only take one face-to-face course in the summer.

Students are also required to participate in professional development activities and events during the residency. ABD students are welcome, but not required, to attend the professional development events in the summer.

Academic year students have 9-month residency requirement.

International students with international student visas should check with the Office of International Education for their residency requirement and visa status.

## Graduate Certificate in TESOL

The Graduate Certificate in TESOL allows individuals who already have a bachelor's degree to become a teacher of English as an International Language in just two semesters (18 credits).

The TESOL Graduate Certificate of Recognition (GCoR) Program prepares you to teach English abroad. You'll take a set of core courses that situate teaching English as a social, cultural, historical, and political endeavor in a variety of educational institutions outside the United States. Learn more about the program at <http://www.iup.edu/english/grad/tesol-certificate/>

## Course Descriptions

### Required Courses

#### ENGL 815: Qualitative Research

Involves both reading about and training in qualitative research methods such as participant observation, interviewing, coding, and analysis. Topics include: Ethics of using human subjects, epistemological foundations, research design, collection, and analysis. The course also covers dissemination of research findings. This course is for second- and third-year students, not first-year students.

#### ENGL 820: Quantitative Research in Composition and Applied Linguistics

Presents students with the conceptual aspects of designing, constructing and analyzing quantitative research in Composition and Applied Linguistics. Also provides students with practical experience designing a quantitative study, constructing appropriate research instruments, acquiring IRB approval, collecting data, analyzing data, and reporting results.

#### ENGL 825 Second Language Literacy

Studies theory, research, and pedagogy associated with the development of literacy in two languages, either simultaneously or successively. Focuses on how individuals and groups become literate in English as an additional or second language. Includes explorations of political, cultural, social, contextual, as well as cognitive, textual, and educational issues that arise in acquiring and using a second literacy. Open to MA TESOL and Ph.D. students in Composition and Applied Linguistics.

**ENGL 830: Research and Practice in the Teaching of College Composition**

Studies characteristics of the writing process and of the basic writer, methods for the evaluation of writing, and approaches to the teaching of writing in schools and colleges.

**ENGL 835: Research Design and the Craft of Writing**

Presents students with the conceptual aspects of designing and conducting a research study. Addresses making critical choices concerning research questions, data collection, methods of measurements, and analysis. Focuses on professional-level, academic writing including writing for a dissertation and writing for publication. Includes a discussion of dissemination of research results and navigating the professional publication process. A practical application is attention to dissertation proposal development and addressing the processes, skills, knowledge, and general dispositions of the professional academic writer.

**ENGL 900: Dissertation Research**

Provides a networked writing experience for completing a chapter of a dissertation. Writers will meet regularly with each other, have peer and faculty support, develop an IRB in conjunction with their chair, and develop knowledge of professional writing and research practices.

**Electives**

**ENGL 800: Research Methods in Composition and Applied Linguistics**

Interdisciplinary dimensions of the transmission of literacy and its position as a domain for scientific inquiry, including research methodology, the evaluation of research, and the bibliographical resources for the study of rhetoric and linguistics.

**ENGL 803: Language and Cognition**

Examines areas where language, thought, and cognitive process interact. Studies the essential nature of meaning and mental concepts, the core characteristics of language, and the complex relations between the two domains. Focuses on the brain/mind dichotomy, brain functions relating to language, mental modules and the mental lexicon, the role of memory in language usage, first language acquisition, the cognitive strategies involved in processing information and using language, parsing and speech production, language disabilities, comprehension of spoken and written texts, and rhetorical and practical aspects of both texts and spoken language.

**ENGL 805: Language and Social Context**

Introduces the study of language as a social phenomenon, including such topics as language varieties, stereotypes and social identity; language planning and language policy; standard and nonstandard usage; censorship; discourse analysis; language attitudes; language, culture and thought; communicative competence; small group communication; and classroom interactions.

**ENGL 808: Technology and Literacy**

Presents an overview of the interrelationship between literacy and technology. Demonstrates approaches to teaching English using computer technology.

**ENGL 823: Second Language Teaching**

Considers trends, issues, research, and exploration in second language teaching, as well as language learner assessment and testing.

**ENGL 824: Second Language Acquisition**

Introduces current research in second language acquisition, especially in English. Focuses on prominent research trends in the study of the language learner, the process of acquisition, and the interaction of learner, language, and context.

**ENGL 831: Rhetorical Traditions**

Studies how rhetorical traditions influence the teaching of composition. Examines how cultural factors such as history, politics, ideology, gender, race and ethnicity affect the composing process. Encourages students to think of composition as an open, multicultural event of imagination and social innovation.

**ENGL 833: Theories of Composition**

Reviews the major theories of composition, especially those of the modern and postmodern eras. Examines how cultural factors such as education, history, politics, ideology, gender, race, and ethnicity affect theorizing about composition. Encourages students to construct their own theories of composition by entering a collaborative cultural and intellectual process.

**ENGL 842: Cross-Cultural Communication**

Investigates cultural behaviors, assumptions, values, and conflicts surrounding communication across cultures in the context of teaching English as a second or foreign language at all levels.

**ENGL 846: Advanced Seminar in Literacy**

Explores a single topic in depth in the fields of Composition and/or TESOL. Topics are announced in advance and have recently included writing centers, computers in composition, discourse analysis, foundational texts, and writing program administration may be taken more than once.

**ENGL 848: Advanced Topics in Linguistics**

Explores the study of language involving systematic research techniques. Focuses on a single topic. Topics, announced in advance, include such areas as discourse analysis, language and gender, language and social context, linguistic aspects of translation, the linguistics of written texts, and relation of oral and written communication.

**ENGL 854: World Englishes in Composition and Applied Linguistics**

Provides an interdisciplinary approach to understanding issues around World Englishes scholarship where teachers, researchers, teacher educators, and administrators from a variety of contexts come together to understand, explore, and critique how English(es) is/are positioned around the globe, and how that positioning impacts learning and teaching.

**ENGL 867: Research on Writing Centers and Writing Program Administration**

Examines the history, theory, and everyday practices that surround writing centers and writing programs, including advances in writing across the curriculum and writing in the disciplines. Students will read key books and articles and develop a research project suitable for publication and presentation.

**ENGL 880:** Provides a thorough introduction to writing for publication. The main outcome of this course is to produce a manuscript to submit for publication in an academic journal by the end of the course. The course will prepare students to write for publication by focusing in three directions: the writer, the writing, and the field. Focusing on themselves as writers, students will develop effective writing and

revision processes, set goals, and develop time management strategies. Focusing on the craft of writing, students will learn about rhetorical moves, genre features, and language choices necessary for publication. From the field, students will learn about the publication process, what audiences expect, and key aspects of writing for publication such as establishing a clear purpose, offering contributions, and building on previous work.

### Professionalization & Placement

During coursework, all students are required to participate in professionalization and placement activities and events. These may include events during the summer residency (e.g., teaching demo, writing a teaching philosophy, guest speakers/symposium) as well as occasional virtual events during the academic year (e.g., CV workshops). Materials and session recordings are also available on the CAL Homeroom website, and students will receive one-on-one support from the CAL Professionalization & Placement Coordinator.

This program provides professionalization experiences for students at every stage of their doctoral studies. For new students, we offer workshops that help shape your scholarly identity and map your career trajectory. Many CAL students search for an academic position (administrative, tenure-track, or non-tenure track) during their final year of their studies (and in limited cases, sooner). This program provides full support through workshops on developing your CV, cover letter, and other application materials; how to successfully engage in initial interviews and campus visits; how to negotiate your salary; how to start off successfully in your new position; and much more. Additionally, our workshops cover other areas of professional development not covered by coursework: grant writing, making the most of your conference experience, alternative career paths for academics, community college positions, and more.

## Evaluation of Students

For information regarding School of Graduate Studies and Research policies on grading, view the Graduate Catalog: [www.iup.edu/gradcatalog](http://www.iup.edu/gradcatalog)

This section presents a brief overview of each of the major requirements for the Composition and Applied Linguistics Ph.D. program. More in-depth information about each of these topics is covered in this handbook under each heading.

### Completing Coursework

Students must have a 3.5 GPA to submit their qualifying portfolios, take their Culminating Evaluation/Three Chapter Meeting, and have their dissertation defense. For more information regarding School of Graduate Studies and Research Policy on grading, view the Graduate Catalog: [www.iup.edu/gradcatalog](http://www.iup.edu/gradcatalog)

### Qualifying Portfolio (QP)

At the end of the spring semester after you begin coursework, you will be required to submit a Qualifying Portfolio.

### Culminating Evaluation/Three Chapter Meeting (CE/3-chapter)

Approximately one year after completing your coursework, you should be ready to schedule your Culminating Evaluation/Three Chapter Meeting. In this meeting, your dissertation committee will evaluate both the first 3 chapters of your dissertation and your presentation of that work to decide whether you are ready to proceed with the dissertation process. In most cases involving participants, the IRB protocol will be submitted after this CE/3-chapter meeting due to potential protocol changes that may be required as a result of methodological changes to the study discussed in the meeting.

### Dissertation Defense

Once you have passed your CE/3-chapter meeting, you move to collecting your data, with the approval of IUP's Institutional Review Board, and to analyzing your data and writing your final draft of your dissertation. The Dissertation Defense is your opportunity to present your dissertation and answer any questions your committee may still have about your work. It is truly the culminating event of your Ph.D. work, and a time to be celebrated when you pass. This is the day you become a Doctor of Philosophy.

### Qualifying Portfolio (QP)

CAL students must pass a qualifying portfolio during their first year to continue in the program. To be eligible to turn in a portfolio, students must be enrolled full-time during course work. Students must have passed their courses with a 3.5 GPA, submit the portfolio when it is due, and pass the evaluation to continue in the program. **Portfolios are due by 4:00 p.m. the Wednesday of the first week of Spring Semester classes.**

The purpose of the portfolio is to provide faculty on the Qualifying Portfolio Evaluation Committee a means to evaluate your ability to successfully complete this program.

The CAL Program Director is responsible for leading the QP review and is therefore most familiar with the policies and procedures that apply to everyone. For this reason, faculty members and students should direct questions about the QP to the CAL Program Director.

### Qualifying Portfolio (QP) Directions

1. Use the coversheet and checklist in Appendix A of this handbook.
2. Begin the process by reading the instructions and evaluation criteria listed here in your handbook. For questions, please contact the Graduate English Secretary ([dbacco@iup.edu](mailto:dbacco@iup.edu)) the CAL Program Director ([mdholm@iup.edu](mailto:mdholm@iup.edu)) Portfolios are due by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, the first week of spring semester classes.
3. Please submit them by email to the graduate director, Dr. Melanie Holm ([mdholm@iup.edu](mailto:mdholm@iup.edu)), and cc the Graduate Administrative Assistant, Debra Bacco ([dbacco@iup.edu](mailto:dbacco@iup.edu)). After the CAL office receives your portfolio, the office will add two additional items: instructor evaluations (one from each of the courses you have taken), the grade report for your doctoral courses, and your research team leader's report. These will complete your portfolio for review.
4. All work should be done independently. All materials in the portfolio, including course papers and the qualifying paper, should be written by you only. The CAL Program Director will go over the program's Qualifying Portfolio instructions during the first summer residency and answer any questions. Students are to work on the QP without assistance from others (other students, faculty, or anyone else). However, it is acceptable to have discussions among students and faculty about topics, ideas, journals, and general strategies for writing. Discussions with the

instructor about selecting the course paper for the QP are acceptable. What is not acceptable is the sharing of drafts with faculty, students, or anyone else. The sharing of drafts is prohibited. There are two exceptions to this prohibition. First, during the time a student is taking a class from an instructor, the instructor and student may discuss any papers written for the class and their potential for inclusion in the QP. The second exception is that students may seek editing assistance from one of the IUP Writing Center's graduate student tutors, approved by the CAL Program Director (contact the Writing Center Director for this assistance).

5. Unless indicated otherwise by the assignment, all writing should follow the conventions of academic, edited English and proper documentation of sources, as outlined in the current APA or MLA handbooks. IUP's Academic Integrity Policy covers various concerns related to plagiarism, cheating, and misrepresentation of work; this policy is spelled out in the current IUP Graduate Catalog. Academic integrity is a serious matter and violations will not be tolerated. For anyone unfamiliar with the terms of this policy, additional explanation may be found in the current edition of the MLA Handbook or the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. Feel free to discuss with the CAL Program Director any questions about using sources for the QP.
6. Portfolios are not returned to the student; they are stored safely by the department.

### Portfolio Evaluation

The purpose of the portfolio is to provide faculty on the Qualifying Portfolio Evaluation Committee a means to evaluate your ability to successfully complete this program. In order to make this evaluation, members of the evaluation committee will examine samples of your academic writing contained in the portfolio, your grades, and your instructors' evaluations of you (from each course you have taken).

### The Evaluation Process

When your portfolio is received, the Graduate Secretary will assign the portfolio a random number. This number will be used to correlate your Qualifying Portfolio Manuscript (QP Manuscript) with your portfolio. Your QP Manuscript will then be removed from your portfolio and labeled with this number so that it can be evaluated separately in a blind review process. The rest of your portfolio consisting of your course paper, instructor evaluations, grade reports, research team reports, and professionalization plan will be kept in the portfolio and evaluated separately from the QP Manuscript.

### Evaluation Criteria

The documents that will be used to make this evaluation are listed in parentheses. On the instructor evaluations, these criteria are provided in the form of questions to each of the professors whose class you have taken.

- Demonstrates an ability to conceptualize, give insights, and use knowledge that is current in the field. (Grades, QP manuscript, instructor evaluations)  
Orally and in writing, demonstrates an ability to focus ideas and construct arguments. (Grades, QP manuscript, instructor evaluations, research team report)  
Uses feedback constructively, works independently, and handles problems or conflicts in a professional manner (Grades, instructor evaluations, research team report)  
Our evaluations of the QP manuscript will include considerations of whether the QP manuscript successfully:
  - Reflects current scholarship in the field on this issue. In this context, "reflects current scholarship" means current, academic peer-reviewed books and articles from the last 10 years in the field. It also includes seminal work in the field.

- Is appropriately written for the paper of this type. APA/MLA/journal requirements, referencing etc.
- Demonstrates the ability to focus ideas and construct arguments. Provides warranted arguments that are clear and appropriately referenced.
- Represents a serious issue worth exploring in the field. The topic and research question or theme relate to a current issue in the field.
- For example, the work:
  - addresses a current social, educational, or other, (for instance classroom community, workplace, etc.) problem that is of interest to people currently in the field, and
  - moves forward a theoretical position or concept that is of interest to people currently working in the field.
  - presents a unique, novel position that is beyond the material reviewed. The central argument of the paper goes beyond the summary of the materials in the paper and what is common knowledge within the field. Conceptualizes beyond what is currently known extending a line of research to the next logical step

The possible outcomes of the Qualifying Portfolio evaluation are as follows:

- Pass: You have met all criteria and may continue in the program.
- Fail: You have not met one or more criteria or have not submitted the QP by the deadline. If you fail the qualifying evaluation you will not be allowed to continue the program. You may appeal this decision in writing to the CAL Program Director within two weeks of the date that the decision was sent out. Your appeal must reach the CAL Program Director no later than 4:00 p.m. on the date two weeks from the date the decision is sent to you. Appeals must be based on the reasons for the committee's decision given to you by the CAL Program Director. Appeals will be reviewed by a committee of three faculty members consisting of the CAL Program Director, or his/her designee, one member of the relevant QP reader group, and one member not part of the relevant QP reader group. Their decision is final and will be conveyed to you in an e-mail message from the CAL Program Director. The appeals committee will meet within 30 days not including days when the university is not in session, and the student will be informed of this committee's decision via email.

The portfolio is not assigned a letter grade. The outcome of the QP review will be sent to your IUP e-mail account within a few days of the evaluation, including a statement about your QP's strengths and/or weaknesses.

### What to Include in the Portfolio

#### Part I: Qualifying Manuscript

This paper must be an original work written for an academic journal related to the fields of Composition and/or Applied Linguistics and created especially for the qualifying portfolio. Previously published pieces cannot be accepted, nor can book reviews. Once you have selected a topic on which you would like to write, identify a journal that would be an appropriate place to publish your work. If you have seen a call for papers for an edited collection that interests you, you may also write with that in mind.

To prepare for this task, please do the following:

- Develop a logical argument with a clear thesis or stance supported by reasons and evidence based on current knowledge of the field.
- Read the most recent Information for Authors section of the journal to familiarize yourself with the expectations of the publication. (The Information for Authors section is usually found on the

journal's website or in the hard copy.) Who is the audience? What topics are of interest to these readers? What is the writing style? Examine the last 10 years or so of the journal, focusing on articles that are in your area. Study the form and content of the articles, noting variation as well as similarities among them. Carefully consider how audience considerations affect the topic and style of each paper.

- The documentation style for the QP Manuscript should conform to the requirements of the journal you have selected; the QP manuscript should include about 15-20 sources to demonstrate your range and depth of knowledge.
- For the purposes of the qualifying manuscript, do NOT conduct research that involves human subjects and thus requires IRB approval because there is insufficient time for this approval, and you would need a mentor.

### What to include in the portfolio related to the Qualifying Manuscript (QP Manuscript)

The review of the QP Manuscript will be a blind review. This means that you should not include your name on the QP Manuscript, the Annotated Bibliography, or the Cover Letter to the Editor. (Your name will not be on the Information for Authors since you are getting that from the publication you have selected).

Your name should not appear in any place in Part 2 of the QP portfolio. So, remember that while you may put page numbers in the header, you will not include your name. If you reference your own work, make sure to black out—or replace your name with a series of Xxxxxx—in the in-text citation and in the reference list as well.)

- **The Qualifying Manuscript**  
The paper should be 15-20 double-spaced pages (page count does not include the works cited). While the journal may accept shorter or longer pieces, we ask you to stay within this length guideline for consistency of the portfolio evaluation process. The paper should not be a report of an empirical study given the time that you have, the IRB requirements, and the fact that you would need a faculty supervisor. Instead, it should be an article, it may take the form of an essay, that is appropriate for the readers of the journal.
- **Annotated Bibliography**  
Annotate each of the sources in your Works Cited (4-6 lines long).  
By annotating the sources, you will achieve a better understanding of them, and you will help the committee to see your range and depth of knowledge. Create a separate list of annotations and attach it to the back of your manuscript.
- **Information for Authors**  
Provide a copy of the Information for Authors to your qualifying manuscript for the publication you have selected. This will assist the committee in evaluating the quality of your paper.
- **Cover Letter to the Editor**  
This should be a formal letter of 1-2 pages that is addressed to the editor of the journal you have selected. The letter should identify the audience, purpose, and significance of your paper. It should tell the editor why you believe your manuscript will appeal to the readers of the journal.

### Design of the Portfolio

One part of the major requirements of a portfolio is that it displays a set of work in an organized, well-designed manner. A well-designed portfolio will have the following elements:



- Cover sheet: Use the cover page found in Appendix A of this Handbook as your coversheet and use the checklist to make sure you have included all necessary information.
- A Table of Contents that lists the elements collected within the portfolio. Page numbers are not needed for the TOC.
- Provide each section of the portfolio with its own title page. Subsections can most easily be identified by readers.
- Remember to make sure that you do not include your name in any way in your QP Manuscript.

### The QP and Emergency Situations

In the incredibly rare case that an emergency, such as a documented health or family emergency, should occur to a student within two weeks of the QP deadline, students may be allowed a short extension to their deadline. Students must meet the deadline given (the new deadline will depend on the nature of the emergency). In the evaluation, the student either passes or fails. The appeal process is the same as described above.

### Comprehensive/Candidacy Examinations

This examination is given, usually upon the candidate's completion of coursework, to determine the student's progress in the degree field and fields related to it and the student's likelihood of success in his/her research-dissertation phase. The examination may be written, oral, or both and is not necessarily limited to areas in which the candidate has taken course work. In addition to having written procedures for taking the comprehensive exam, departments must also have written procedures regarding providing feedback for comprehensive exams.

### Program Level Examination Appeals

Appeals for Program Level Exams such as, candidacy, comprehensive, or qualifying examinations, are made to the dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research (SGSR) based on policy and/or procedural violations. The appeal can be based only on policy and/or procedural violations, and not simply on the outcome of the examination. Procedural violations would be cases in which the program/department failed to follow program/department and/or University policies and/or procedures relating to the administration and/or evaluation of the exam.

The appeal must be made in writing to the dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research. Documentation of the policy(ies)/procedures in question must be provided, along with a detailed description of the alleged violation(s). All evidence supporting the alleged violation should also be provided. The student must submit the written appeal to the dean of the SGSR within 30 days of receipt of the outcome of the examination. Upon receipt of the written appeal to the dean of the SGSR, the dean will investigate the allegation, review the documentation and render a final decision which completes the appeal process. The final decision rendered by the dean of the SGSR may not be appealed.

If it is found that policy/and/or procedure has been violated, the dean of the SGSR will instruct the program/department to allow the student to retake the exam, fully adhering to policy and procedures. In the event of a finding in support of the student allegation, the reexamination may not be counted as one of the attempts permitted under the University or Department's Reexamination Policy.

## Reexamination Policy

No student is permitted a “third” examination without a recommendation to that effect from the degree program’s sponsoring department per their adopted written procedures and the approval of the School of Graduate Studies and Research dean (or designee). Exceptions to this policy for programs can be made only with the approval of the School of Graduate Studies and Research. In the event a student does not successfully complete the comprehensive re-examination according to program requirements and the failure results in program dismissal, the program must notify the School of Graduate Studies and Research (SGSR) of the dismissal in writing. The SGSR will send an official notification of the dismissal to the student.

## Degree Completion

### Degree Requirements

This section presents a brief overview of each of the major requirements for the Composition and Applied Linguistics Ph.D. program. More in-depth information about each of these topics is covered in this handbook.

### Coursework

Each student must take a minimum of 12 courses. These courses must meet with the program requirements as outlined in the Program of Study.

You must complete six required courses and will have your choice of six electives. Most students complete the required courses on this timeline:

- Summer 1: ENGL 830 Research and Practice in the Teaching of College Composition
- Fall 1: ENGL 825 Second Language Literacy
- Spring 1: ENGL 820 Quantitative Research in Composition and Applied Linguistics
- Summer 2: ENGL 815 Qualitative Research in Composition and Applied Linguistics
- Fall 2/Spring 2: ENGL 835 Research Design and the Craft of Writing

Beginning in your first summer, the Composition and Applied Linguistics director will hold an advising meeting for students to create a schedule that will work for each student and meet the CAL program requirements.

It is important for you to register for classes during the registration period. Late registration will result in fines that are imposed by IUP. You can find out about courses that will be offered by accessing the University-Wide Class Schedule via MyIUP.

### Annual Reports

Each student is responsible for submitting an annual report on his/her progress through the CAL program. This report will take the form of a Qualtrics survey and has been designed to reduce annual repetition of information. At the beginning of each fall semester, you will be emailed the Qualtrics link to fill out your annual report. The purpose of this report is for you to evaluate your progress toward your degree, including dissertation progress, during the past academic year and get the opportunity to highlight any conferences you have presented at or publications you have had during that academic year. Filling out this annual report is one element of your “student in good standing” status. This status

is part of the requirement for receiving travel funding. A student must, at the time of applying for travel funding, be a current student in the program and up to date with all program policy requirements, including, but not limited to, completion of his/her annual report.

In addition to your annual reports, your research team leader (pre-coursework) and dissertation advisor (post-coursework) will submit annual reports on your progress toward degree completion. If your advisor indicates that you are not making satisfactory progress, you will meet with the Program Director and discuss what steps need to be taken for you to make Satisfactory Progress in the next year. If you receive two years in a row with Unsatisfactory Progress reports, you will be dismissed from the program.

### Qualifying Portfolio (QP)

At the end of the first spring semester after you begin coursework, you will be required to submit a Qualifying Portfolio. This portfolio replaces the Qualifying Examinations that many other Ph.D. programs use.

### Dissertation Writing Options

Students in the CAL program have two options for completing their dissertation: the five-chapter (traditional) option and the three article options. One of these two options must be selected at the time of writing your RTAF. The options are described below under “Dissertation Process.”

### Assembling Your Dissertation Committee

Typically, within six months of completing coursework, you will assemble your dissertation committee. Once your committee is assembled, you will file your Research Topic Approval Form (RTAF).

### Culminating Evaluation/Three Chapter Meeting (CE/3-chapter)

Approximately one year after completing your coursework, you should be ready to schedule your Culminating Evaluation/Three Chapter Meeting. In this meeting, your dissertation committee will evaluate the initial work of your dissertation and your presentation of that work to decide whether you are ready to proceed with the dissertation process. In most cases involving participants, the IRB protocol will be submitted after this CE/3-chapter meeting due to potential protocol changes that may be required because of methodological changes to the study discussed in the meeting. Students pursuing the traditional five-chapter option will present the first three chapters to the committee. Students pursuing the 3-article option will present the critical introduction (Chapter 1) and the first article to the committee.

### Dissertation Credits

In your last semester of course work, register for two Dissertation credits for the following semester (Fall), and continue to register for two Dissertation Credits each Fall and Spring thereafter until you reach your total 12 required dissertation hours. These credits will be registered with the CAL Program Director. If you reach the 12 required hours before you graduate, you must maintain continuous enrollment by registering for one hour of “Extended Credit—Dissertation” each Fall and Spring until you graduate.

It is the student’s responsibility to make sure that he/she maintains continuous enrollment. Please be aware that missing one semester of enrollment is a violation of the continuous enrollment policy. If the student is not successfully enrolled by the official add/drop date of the next semester, the student will be inactivated in the program. Students inactivated from the program will not be considered for re-admission.

It is important to your final GPA that you register only with Dissertation Credits for your first 12 credits and only with Extended Credits for any remaining credits. Contact the secretary in the English Graduate Office if you need assistance. While paying dissertation credits and extended credits, if needed, the student will be considered a full-time doctoral student. Until the dissertation is successfully defended, a grade of “R” will be assigned to each registered credit.

Dissertation and thesis credits will be assigned a letter grade as the final evaluation outcome for the credits taken and carry quality points weighted towards a student’s CGPA for the number of dissertation credits required for the program. “Extended” dissertation credits are not calculated into a student’s CGPA.

Students must pay tuition and mandatory university fees (equal to the part-time mandatory fees) and may choose to pay Student Health and Activity Fees if the associated services will be used.

For more information, view the Graduate Catalog: [www.iup.edu/gradcatalog](http://www.iup.edu/gradcatalog)

The School of Graduate Studies and Research requires that you be registered for the semester in which you graduate. The exception to this is a summer graduation, which requires that you be registered in the previous spring semester but does not require additional summer registration.

If it is the doctoral student’s intent to discontinue the program, he/she must schedule an appointment with the CAL Program Director as soon as possible to avoid any further registration and subsequent billing.

### Dissertation Process

Once you have passed your CE/3-chapter meeting, you move on to collecting your data, with the approval of IUP’s Institutional Review Board, and to analyzing your data and writing your final draft of your dissertation. The Dissertation Defense is your opportunity to present your dissertation and answer any questions your committee may still have about your work. It is truly the culminating event of your PhD work, and a time to be celebrated when you pass. This is the day you become a Doctor of Philosophy.

### Graduation

Remember to work into your schedule time to attend the graduation ceremony. This is the time that your name will be called, and your chair or other committee member will be given the privilege to “hood” you—to put on the cape section of your new academic attire which shows that you have achieved Ph.D. status. You have worked hard; a graduation ceremony allows you to enjoy the achievement.

For more information, view the Graduate Catalog: <https://catalog.iup.edu/index.php>

## Thesis and/or Dissertation Completion

### Selecting Your Dissertation Option

Students in the CAL program have a choice between writing a traditional (five-chapter) dissertation or a three-article option.

**The Traditional Five Chapter Dissertation** allows students to write a traditional five-chapter dissertation that is modeled after a book-length publication in the field. Students selecting this option defend the first three chapters at their Three Chapter Defense. For students engaged in empirical projects, their three-chapter defense would come prior to collecting data. The final defense includes the completed five-chapter dissertation.

**The Three Article dissertation** allows students to gear their dissertation towards three publishable articles. This option represents the recent shift away from traditional book publication and into article publication. The three-chapter defense includes the first two chapters of the dissertation: chapter 1: a critical introduction that overviews the exigence, literature, and methods as well as a plan for the three articles. And Chapter 2: An article that is geared towards pedagogy, theory, or pilot data. For students engaged in empirical projects, their three-chapter defense comes prior to collecting data. The final defense includes a revised critical introduction, three articles, and a conclusion.

### Dissertation Eligibility

You are eligible to begin the dissertation process if you have:

- Completed all necessary course work with a 3.5 GPA or higher
- Passed the Qualifying Portfolio Evaluation
- Developed a 20-page dissertation proposal through ENG 835: Research Design and the Craft of Writing
- Have completed your coursework and filed a Research Topic Approval Form (RTAF) form. This is the form that you file with the SGSR that stipulates your title, topic, and dissertation committee members.

### General Dissertation Procedures

- Within six months of completing your coursework, you should put together your dissertation committee. This means that you will be ready to file an RTAF.
- Most students choose to work with the research team leaders during the dissertation. However, if this is not a good fit and you are not sure who would be a good advisor for you, or who you would like to have as committee members, you should meet with the CAL Director who can help you choose a committee. Chair ships are also discussed in ENG 835.
- Submit proposal to your dissertation advisor and readers—if they require one. The proposal you create in ENG 835 is typically submitted to your chair (and sometimes your readers); individual advisors may also have additional requirements for proposals.
- Sufficient time to complete and defend the dissertation before reaching the 7-year limit for completing the degree. Students must graduate no later than 7 years from the date of their first doctoral course or risk inactivation from the program.
- Once your Dissertation Advisor confirms that you are ready, you will schedule a defense date. Dissertations and Three-Chapter Defense manuscripts must be submitted to readers a minimum of three weeks prior to your scheduled defense date. Please note that these are the deadlines for the final submission to your readers, and not to your chair. You and your chair should have set up deadlines for your draft that will allow the chair 3 working weeks of reading time to respond to your work, and time for you to engage in revision, before you send your work to your readers for a three chapter or dissertation defense. You must leave at least three working weeks

for your readers to read your final draft. These weeks cannot include spring break, winter break, the first 2 weeks in May and the first 2-3 weeks in August.

- Remember when making planning decisions to schedule sufficient reading time for both your chair (for each of your drafts) and your committee members (for your final draft for the three-chapter defense or dissertation defense). You must schedule at least three working weeks (working weeks are times in which school is in session; they do not include break weeks) of reading time each time you send a draft to your chair or to your readers. For your final dissertation draft, you must schedule three working weeks for your committee to read your work. The deadlines noted above will help you meet these scheduling needs. Please note that CAL members have agreed to read work within the (3-week limit), but they can only be held to these deadlines if you turn your work in according to schedule.
- Your Three Chapter and Dissertation manuscripts should be thoroughly proofread (we recommend you use the Writing Center's Graduate Editing Service: <https://www.iup.edu/writingcenter/writing-and-editing-services/graduate-editing-service> . Please note that the Graduate Editing Services requires an appointment in advance and may have a wait time during busy points in the term. Thus, please schedule as early as possible), Your manuscripts should include a title page and table of contents and should adhere to APA or MLA guidelines for both the general layout and the formatting of references. The manuscripts should also include a clear and detailed explanation of your methods and methodology, including a discussion of your analysis methods. Empirical studies should include appendices with full instrumentation.
- The Dissertation Advisor determines defense readiness, and the entire committee will agree on required revisions at the conclusion of the defenses.
- While your advisors will guide your research and writing process and make recommendations to help you revise, the scholarship you produce throughout the dissertation process is your intellectual property. Your advisor(s) are not co-owners of the dissertation data and should not be included as co-authors if you publish this data.

### Three-Article Dissertation Format and Overview

The three-article option includes a critical introduction, three articles ready to submit to peer reviewed journals, and a conclusion for the dissertation (and still, thus, represents five chapters). All three articles will be on a related theme/specialized interest area and targeted towards peer reviewed, respected academic journals and be a minimum of 6000 words each. The dissertation project employing a three-article option is structured as follows:

**Chapter 1: A Critical Introduction.** Chapter 1 sets the stage for the three articles and provides an overview of the work. The critical introduction includes three parts and should be no more than 50 pages in total.

**Part I:** Introduction and literature review. A 20 page or less literature overview of the topic that introduces the topic and provides the exigence for the dissertation, offers key definitions, and provides an overview of the literature relevant to the topic and project at hand. (This literature review will be reframed and drawn upon by students as they write)

**Part II:** Methods and Goals. This section should carefully outline the purpose and goals of the dissertation, overarching research questions the dissertation research will pursue, and provide a discussion of the methods for the common dataset for the articles (if empirical dissertation). Each

student will engage in one study of a similar scope to a traditional 5-chapter dissertation that can be drawn upon for the articles in the dissertation.

**Part III:** A brief overview and plan for each article, including the article's goals, target journal, wordcount, format, and audience. Part II should also include a brief discussion of how the three planned articles inform one another and what differentiates them. Please note that in the final defense, Part III is replaced by the short introductions that are placed at the start of each of the three articles.

**Chapter 2: Article 1: A pedagogical, theoretical, or pilot data article.** This first article should be an article that is pedagogical, theoretical, or includes pilot data from before the three-chapter defense. It is included at the three-chapter defense stage.

**Chapter 3: Article 2: A data-based or theoretical article.** If the dissertation is empirical, this article will focus on one aspect of the dataset and present an article-length discussion of a set of key findings. If the dissertation is theoretical, the article should proceed in the manner laid out in the critical introduction.

**Chapter 4: Article 3: A data-based or theoretical article.** If the dissertation is empirical, this article will focus on one aspect of the dataset and present an article-length discussion of a set of key findings. If the dissertation is theoretical, the article should proceed in the manner laid out in the critical introduction.

**Conclusion:** A brief discussion of future research directions and articulating a future research agenda.

#### Additional Information and Guidelines for the Three Article Option

- In addition to the each of the three articles, at the time of the final defense, each of the three articles will have a short introduction that introduces readers to the target journal, describes the purpose of the article, describes the audience, and indicates what the submission timeline for the article is (maximum of 5 pages).
- All three articles need to be 6000 words or longer and come from committee-approved journals. These should be well known, peer-reviewed journals (not pay-to-publish). All journals require committee approval.
- If the project is empirical in nature, the three articles will work from a common dataset, similar to the traditional dissertation. The difference is that one large dataset is collected, but the data is then split into two different articles rather than using a traditional 5-chapter format.
- Students cannot use their QP text itself for the three-article option, but they can work on the same topic.
- Journal choices need to be approved by the committee. All journals must be peer reviewed and vetted by the committee.
- Co-authored work is not permitted as part of the three-article option.

#### Additional Writing Suggestions for the Three Article Option

- One of the distinct challenges in writing the three-article option compared to the traditional 5-chapter option is in scope. A traditional dissertation allows a study with a large scope—you can present a variety of complete findings from a study and offer one cohesive “story” in five chapters. The challenge in writing three separate articles is that while you are centering your work on a larger specialization/theme, and you are drawing data from a single empirical study,



you are focusing your work in three specific ways—the goals of which, presentation of data, and arguments being specific to each article, journal, and target audience.

- Thus, while you can explore similar topics and themes between the articles, each article should offer a unique “take” on the subject. For empirical projects, part of this is guesswork at the three-chapter defense stage. One of the ways you can “split” your data into multiple articles is by collecting more than one dataset and then presenting those datasets separately. A more robust consideration, however, might encourage you to see the different major findings (there are often several key findings) and explore one of two major findings in each article. You might also think about how similar findings may be geared in very different ways to different audiences as a third option.
- Another challenge and opportunity present with the Three-Article Option is that you will have to learn how to write concisely. This is an excellent skill to develop as a writer and will serve you incredibly well throughout your career. A 7000- or 9000-word presentation is a formidable writing challenge, and your dissertation director can help you hone your prose and work on clarity in style and thought.
- Because you will be drawing from the critical introduction for your articles, it is likely that you will have some redundancy between the critical introduction and the literature reviews in one or more articles. While this is expected, two things are important to note. First, we note that the rhetorical situation, journal audience, and expectations for writing will vary considerably between the journals you select. Thus, each literature review in your articles should be aligned to a specific journal’s audience and needs. Second, you want to be aware of self-plagiarism. If multiple published works (articles you submit) match in their language completely, this is considered self-plagiarism. Thus, each article must have a distinct literature review that is written for that article. You might draw upon the same body of work in multiple articles, but there should be some distinction between them. The same goes for any other aspect of your articles—even if the methods you are describing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> article are identical as they are drawn from the same study, you must describe those methods using different wording to avoid self-plagiarism. This is a challenge all writers face who are engaging in a trajectory of research and a larger body of work on the same topic. If you have questions about this, reach out to your dissertation advisor.
- Ultimately, each article in your dissertation offers a unique “story” that you are telling the world—to different journals, different audiences, and for different purposes. After your final defense, you can submit these articles for publication and hopefully, gain the benefit of having your work quickly published post-defense.

## Assembling Your Dissertation Committee

A dissertation committee consists of three faculty members:

- A dissertation advisor
  - Your dissertation advisor must be either a CAL Program Committee faculty member or an English Department faculty member. Typically, this person is your research team leader. If you would like to have an advisor who is not on the CAL program committee, you must seek approval from the CAL Program Director. Seeking approval involves submitting a statement of why the proposed advisor’s expertise is appropriate for your project goals and a copy of the person’s CV to the Program Director. The dissertation advisor is sometimes also referred to as the “dissertation chair” or “dissertation director.”



- The dissertation advisor's role is that of leading member of the dissertation committee. You will work closely with your dissertation advisor from the inception of your topic through all the stages of the dissertation. If you need help choosing an advisor, please meet with the CAL Director, who can advise you on possible chairs for your committee given your topic. You will also discuss advisor selection in ENGL 835. You and your advisor will determine the details of your working relationship, but it is typical to meet with your advisor about once a month and to receive written feedback on drafts of chapters.
- Two readers (minimum) (one of these is usually assigned by the CAL Director).
  - One reader must be a CAL program member or approved faculty member from English or a related discipline.
  - One may be a non-CAL Program Committee member, for example a member of the English Department, or other department at IUP, or a member of a PASSHE school.
  - In addition, there may be an outside reader (see Outsider Reader subsection for more information).
  - If your dissertation advisor is not a CAL Program Committee member, then the two readers must both be CAL Program Committee members.

Readers may be consulted about questions that fall in their fields of expertise, but they normally respond only to the final draft of your first three chapters (at your three-chapter defense) and dissertation (at your dissertation defense).

You are expected to maintain a professional relationship with each member of your committee, and you should expect committee members to do the same with you and with one another. The CAL Program Director remains your academic advisor until you graduate.

In the unlikely event that you need to request a committee change, you should submit this request in writing to the CAL Director.

### Outside Readers

If a student and dissertation advisor think it would be appropriate, it is possible to invite an outside scholar to be a reader on the committee. This outside reader should be involved in graduate education at his or her own institution and have publications in the field. The outside reader must be approved by the CAL Program Director, the Senate Graduate Committee, and the Graduate Dean; the official approval request is initiated by the CAL Program Director.

To invite an outside reader to join the dissertation committee, the student should ask the proposed reader to fill out an Outside Reader application at <https://iup.infoready4.com/>

After the request has gone through the approval process, the dissertation advisor and outside reader will receive an email stating that the reader has/has not been approved. IUP cannot compensate outside readers for their service.

### Submitting the Research Topic Approval Form (RTAF)

In the six months following your final semester/summer session in which you complete your course work, you should:

1. Develop a 2-page proposal of your intended dissertation research project including the topic, rationale, method of study, references, and estimated timeline for the project. Please see the Thesis/Dissertation Handbook for an example of one of these proposals: <https://www.iup.edu/graduatestudies/resources-for-current-students/research/thesis-dissertation-information/thesis-dissertation-manual.html>
2. Obtain a Research Topic Approval Form from the Graduate Office or from the SGSR website: <https://www.iup.edu/graduatestudies/resources-for-current-students/research/thesis-dissertation-information/all-forms.html>
3. Circulate your 2-page proposal and the completed RTAF to your potential committee chair and discuss possible readers for your committee. Remember that the CAL Director may assign your second reader. The signatures on the RTAF indicate that the readers are in agreement with your general topic as outlined in the proposal. Any member of the committee, including the student, may request a meeting of the committee prior to submitting the RTAF.
4. Turn in to the Graduate English Office, HSS 506U:  
Research Topic Approval Form (including the required 1-2 page abstract for SGSR)
5. The CAL Program Director will sign the RTAF form and forward it to SGSR. Once the RTAF has been submitted, the student may not change advisors without first submitting a written request to the CAL Director.
6. Work diligently on your first three chapters. Review the Thesis and Dissertation information provided by the Graduate School: <https://www.iup.edu/graduatestudies/resources-for-current-students/research/thesis-dissertation-information/index.html>
7. Follow the most recent version of the IUP Thesis/ Dissertation Manual from SGSR ( <https://www.iup.edu/graduatestudies/resources-for-current-students/research/thesis-dissertation-information/thesis-dissertation-manual.html> ) and the current edition of the APA or MLA manual. Plan to schedule the Three Chapter Defense within one year of completing your coursework.

## Preparing for Your Initial Defense

Students are expected to complete the first portion of their work (first three chapters for five-chapter dissertations or the critical introduction and first article for the three-article option) and schedule their Initial Defense approximately one year from the end of course work.

Making steady progress toward the degree means higher quality work overall, and greatly increases your ability to complete the program. Check your IUP e-mail account regularly throughout the year; we will use it to communicate with you. Check in with your dissertation advisor on a regular basis after you finish course work and until you graduate. You should contact your advisor once a month as a minimum to report on your progress. It is your responsibility to stay in contact with your advisor on a regular basis to support your continuing progress.

Once your topic has been approved by your committee, your committee has agreed to serve, and you have filed your RTAF; it is time to write the first portion of your dissertation. This document will be evaluated by your committee at the Initial Defense to determine your readiness and ability to complete a dissertation research project. The chapters must follow the guidelines in SGSR's Thesis/Dissertation Manual and the APA or MLA manual. Prior to the final defense of the dissertation, you should expect to revise your initial work considering the remaining material in your dissertation. Nonetheless, the chapters for the Initial Defense meeting should represent your highest quality work. This manuscript

should also be thoroughly proofread; we recommend you use the Writing Center's graduate editing service.

You will develop the initial work for your dissertation under the guidance of your advisor. Your advisor may recommend that you consult your committee members on specific issues pertaining to their areas of expertise. Readers do not pre-approve chapters or duplicate the work of the advisor, however. Their responsibility is mainly to respond to and evaluate the three chapters at the CE/3-chapter meeting.

### Writing Your Three Chapters (Traditional Five-Chapter Format)

The specific nature of the three chapters to be presented to the committee will vary, depending on the type of research being conducted (a theoretical vs. an empirical study, for example). But in all cases, the three chapters must demonstrate an argument for the need for the study with respect to the existing literature. The student must demonstrate their breadth of knowledge. While there are many examples of excellent CAL dissertations that follow other formats, most students follow this format or a variation of it:

**Chapter 1: Introduction.** Conceptualizes the topic and situates it broadly within the existing literature, outlines an argument based on the need for the study, and presents specific research questions.

**Chapter 2: Literature Review.** Develops in-depth the argument introduced in Ch. 1 by critically analyzing and synthesizing the relevant literature in the field, explaining both the contributions and limitations of this research with respect to the student's own project, defining key terms, and providing transitions into the next chapter.

**Chapter 3: Methodology.** Details the methods and methodology and describes the research design, site, participants, documents, materials, and data collection and analysis. Empirical studies should include appendices with full instrumentation.

### Initial Defense for Three-Article Option

The specific nature of the critical introduction and initial article to be presented to the committee will vary, depending on the type of research being conducted (theoretical vs. an empirical study, for example). But in all cases, the material submitted must demonstrate the need for the study with respect to the existing literature. The student must demonstrate their breadth of knowledge. Here is a general overview of what to submit for your Initial Defense using the Three Article Option:

**Chapter 1: A critical introduction.** Chapter 1 sets the stage for the three articles and provides an overview of the work. The critical introduction includes three parts and should be no more than 50 pages in total.

**Part 1: Introduction and literature review.** A 20 page or less literature overview of the topic that introduces the topic and provides the exigence for the dissertation, offers key definitions, and provides an overview of the literature relevant to the topic and project at hand. (This literature review will be reframed and drawn upon by students as they write their three articles).

**Part II: Methods and Goals.** This section should carefully outline the purpose and goals of the dissertation, overarching research questions the dissertation research will pursue, and provide a discussion of the methods for the common dataset for the articles (if empirical

dissertation). Each student will engage in one study of a similar scope to a traditional 5-chapter dissertation that can be drawn upon for the articles in the dissertation.

**Part III:** A brief overview and plan for each article, including the article's goals, target journal, wordcount, format, and audience. Part II should also include a brief discussion of how the three planned articles inform one another and what differentiates them.

**Chapter 2: Article 1: A pedagogical, theoretical, or pilot data article.** This first article should be an article that is pedagogical, theoretical, or includes pilot data from before the Initial Defense. It is included at the Initial Defense stage.

## The Culminating Evaluation/Initial Defense

Chapters are due to readers three weeks in advance of the scheduled meeting. All students have the option of having a virtual defense or a face-to-face defense (although we suggest face-to-face defenses when possible).

Initial Defense meetings are not public events and are closed to individuals other than the student and committee members.

### Initial Defense: Planning

When planning for your Initial Defense Meeting, make sure that you include sufficient reading time for both your chair (for each of your drafts) and your committee members (for your final draft). You must schedule at least three working weeks of reading time each time you send a draft to your chair or to your readers and build in time to revise the chapters in response to your chair's feedback.

### Initial Defense: Eligibility

Students are eligible for the Initial Defense, provided they have:

- Passed the Qualifying Portfolio and Professionalization Portfolio
- Completed all required courses with 3.5 GPA or higher
- Submitted the Research Topic Approval Form
- Have sufficient time to complete and defend the dissertation before the seven-year limit.

The Dissertation Advisor will determine when the student is ready for the defense.

During the Culminating Evaluation meeting the student will demonstrate a sound argument for the need for the study, breadth of knowledge of the field and relevant sub-fields, a clear focus and organization, and good writing quality. The committee will evaluate the student's oral and written performance.

### Initial Defense: Process

The Initial Defense will begin with a Committee Pre-Meeting. Your committee members will ask you to step out of the room for a short period of time (typically 10-15 minutes) while they discuss their perspectives on your work. When you return, you may or may not give a brief presentation (speak with your advisor to learn if this is recommended, usually the recommendation is a 10-minute presentation). Then, the committee members will take turns asking questions about your project. Typically, the dissertation advisor takes notes. You may request to record the conversation, as well. After the

discussion, you will again be asked to leave the room while the committee determines the defense outcome. When you return, the committee will detail any required revisions.

### Submitting your IRB Protocol

Federal regulations and general ethical considerations require that all research involving human participants meet certain federal guidelines for the protection of participants. Those regulations also established the requirements that must be met by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the Protection of Human Subjects. You can find out more about IUP's IRB board at <https://www.iup.edu/research/resources/conducting-responsible-research/irb/index.html> . IRB forms, applications, and instructions (all online) can be found here as well.

IUP's IRB board meets once a month to review cases that involve protected populations or unusually challenging research. Most other cases are eligible for expedited review and are reviewed on an ongoing basis without the wait for the monthly meetings. This makes the turn-around time for most cases reviewed by IUP's IRB board considerably less than one month. Make sure that you work with your dissertation advisor, who will also serve as the official co-investigator for your research, as you work through your IRB protocol. You will also need your advisor's approval through the IRB Manager (IUP's online system for IRB approval), so plan time for both protocol development, obtaining your advisor's approval, and IRB turn-around time when planning your research.

### Communicating with your Dissertation Advisor

Once students identify a faculty member who agrees to direct their dissertation, they are required to communicate with their dissertation advisor regularly. At a minimum, students are required to contact their advisor once per semester. However, it is highly recommended that students contact their advisor once per month.

### Grievances

Students are expected to work through problems that might arise during the dissertation process with their advisor. However, in the unlikely event that an issue cannot be resolved in consultation with the advisor, students should seek the guidance of the CAL Program Coordinator. Should the coordinator also be a member of the dissertation committee, the student should seek the guidance of the chair of the English Department. Once the RTAF has been submitted, students may not change advisors without first submitting a written request to the CAL Director.

### Dissertation Defense

The dissertation defense, all revisions, and uploading the final copy of the dissertation to ProQuest, must occur before a student reaches the 8-year limit. All students living within the contiguous United States are encouraged to attend the Dissertation Defense in person, although scheduling a video conference is also a possibility.

#### Dissertation Defenses are public events.

When you give your copy of the dissertation to your committee for the defense, it should represent your best work and conform to the SGSR Thesis/Dissertation manual you began with. The dissertation defense will cover the entire dissertation, and, at the conclusion of the meeting, the advisor will submit the Dissertation Defense Outcome form to the CAL Program Director.

## Evaluation Outcome for Dissertation

During the dissertation defense meeting the student will again demonstrate a sound argument for the need for the study, breadth of knowledge of the field and relevant sub-fields, a clear focus and organization, and good writing quality. In addition, the student must follow the recommendations that emerged from the Three Chapter Defense and present a complete and carefully edited dissertation. The committee will evaluate the student's oral and written performance.

### Dissertation Defense: Possible Outcomes

- **Pass.** This outcome applies when the student has demonstrated, through both the dissertation submitted and performance during the defense, outstanding work. It may be that the dissertation requires minor revisions; if so, those revisions will be approved by the advisor. The readers do not need to see or approve the revisions, and they will sign at the end of the defense.
- **Pass with Revisions.** This outcome applies when the student has demonstrated, through both the dissertation and performance during the defense, strong work. However, the manuscript needs some revisions that the full committee needs to approve. The student should revise the chapters and submit them (electronically or in hard copy) to all committee members. The committee members will sign after they have approved the revisions.
- **Revise & Resubmit** (second meeting required). This outcome is to be used only once. It applies when two or more chapters require extensive revisions, especially with respect to the evaluation criteria listed above but not limited to these criteria. This decision requires a new dissertation defense within six (6) calendar months of the first defense. This six-month period must fall within the students' time-to-degree limit. A Revise & Resubmit decision does not constitute an extension to the time-to-degree limit. The committee will then decide on either Pass or Fail. No appeal is permitted for an outcome of Revise & Resubmit. If during the resubmission process a substitution must be made due to the loss of a committee member, the program director will appoint a replacement.
- **Fail.** A Fail means that the student has demonstrated that he or she is unlikely to produce a successful dissertation and thus is not permitted to complete the program; the advisor will provide the student with reasons for the decision based on the committee's evaluation of the student's work at the defense meeting. The student may appeal this decision to the CAL Program Director within two weeks by addressing, in writing, the reasons given for the Fail outcome. The CAL Program Director will then form an appeals committee with 30 days not including days that IUP is not in session, and the student will be informed of this committee's decision in writing. The decision of the appeals committee is final, and no further appeals are permitted.

### Dissertation Defense Meeting Guidelines

#### Preparation for the Defense

The dissertation defense is a chance for you to have a conversation with your mentors about your scholarship. It is a chance for you to shine and have an intelligent conversation about your work. The best way to prepare for the defense is to reread your dissertation shortly beforehand and to get a good night's sleep.

### Opening Remarks

Some advisors may ask you to speak for 5-10 minutes at the start of the meeting, but others may not. Check in with your advisor to determine whether opening remarks are recommended. If you do give opening remarks, please keep in mind that the readers have recently read and are familiar with the whole study, so there is no need to present everything. Instead, you might discuss:

1. What you learned from doing the research
2. What excites you about your study
3. Why you feel your study is important

### Handout

Dissertation defenses are open to the public. For that reason, it can be helpful to have a 1–2-page handout summarizing your dissertation, but this is not required. Speak with your advisor to determine if a handout makes sense for your project. You could include on your handout this type of information:

- Your name
- Dissertation title
- Brief summary of the study design and research methodology
- Dissertation research questions
- Key findings
- A few important references
- Anything else you think might be important

For virtual defenses, you should be prepared to share your handout digitally (we recommend a Google Doc link which can be shared in the chat at the beginning of the meeting). For face-to-face defenses, you should make copies of your handout (we recommend 10-15 copies).

### Ongoing Copy Editing

Be sure to bring a copy of the dissertation that matches the copy the committee received. While you should have provided the committee with a well-edited copy of your dissertation, there are times when you may have wanted to make a change to your work. Do not bother to bring changed pages.

### Committee Format and Outcomes

The meetings usually last 1 1/2 to 2 hours and are generally a discussion of your work. Dissertation defenses are public events, so it is possible that a few people (usually graduate students) will sit in on the meetings. Your significant other, family, and friends are welcome to attend the defense in person if they want to. At the beginning of the defense, the committee will ask you and your guests to step out of the room while they discuss their perceptions of your work. Then, you may or may not give a brief presentation. The bulk of the defense will consist of the readers asking questions. After discussion the committee will again ask everyone to step out of the room so they can discuss the outcome, and then bring only you back to hear the decision.

Please note that your job is to thoughtfully respond to the committee members' questions, clarifying your goals for and conclusions from the dissertation. It's important to stay respectful as you respond to committee members' questions and critiques. If they want things changed, even substantial changes, that's the committee's prerogative, given that making sure you have written a strong dissertation is their charge for the meeting. The committee's goal is to help you create the best dissertation they can. They want to help you, but students sometimes misinterpret this and get overly defensive. Take pride in your fine work, but also be ready to hear some criticism. At the same time, remember, this is your study, and



you are the expert. But be ready to learn from the reactions of your readers. Good readings of your work will help improve your study.

Almost always, the committee wants some minor revisions. Sometimes they want substantial revisions, which they may or may not wish to review before signing off. On very rare occasions, the committee may wish to hold another meeting.

If you can get your revisions done in time to graduate this semester, fantastic. If not, keep in mind the important thing, that you will be finished soon! Passing the defense meeting is your main goal, even if it takes you a few months to complete revisions. The meeting is what really counts.

### Signature Pages

Check with the graduate school about signature page format. On the CAL web page, we have information on faculty members' correct name spellings and titles:

<https://www.iup.edu/english/grad/faculty/matesol-faculty/composition-and-applied-linguistics-faculty-and-staff.html>

Email your committee members and ask what format they want for their name and title. This is important since some committee members use a middle initial, for example, when signing important documents such as a dissertation. They may also have recently been promoted, so you will want to check their title with them as well. These signature pages must be correct. People won't sign if you leave off their middle initial or get their title incorrect. Sometimes students get to the meeting and find out that they have not checked with a committee member and have a mistake leading to the fact that the pages must be reprinted. Therefore, it is a good idea to bring an electronic copy of your dissertation and some bond paper so you can reprint if needed. Bring about 5 copies of the signature page for signing after the meeting. Ideally, the forms will be signed that day. But sometimes, depending on the outcome, they won't be. Signature pages no longer need to be printed on heavy stock paper unless you want that for your personal dissertation copies. A heavy stock signature page is not required for electronic archival of your dissertation (see below).

### Submitting the Dissertation to the University

Be sure to consult the SGSR Thesis/Dissertation Manual early and often, as it contains information about specific requirements for formatting and submitting your dissertation. The final step in the process is to submit the dissertation, following the SGSR requirements for electronic submission (

<https://www.iup.edu/graduatestudies/resources-for-current-students/research/thesis-dissertation-information/finishing-your-degree/preparing-and-submitting-theses-and-dissertations.html> ). A bound copy is no longer required for the library in the English Graduate Office or the IUP Library. You, your advisor, and committee members may request a bound copy.

### Bound Copies

Because dissertations are available online once you submit them electronically, it is not necessary to give your advisor or committee members a bound copy of your dissertation. If someone on your committee does ask for a bound copy, though, you should of course provide the person with one; but with storage space being limited, most people don't require a bound copy.

We recommend that you get at least two bound copies for yourself, (1 to keep and 1 for loaning out). Due to storage space limitations, the library and CAL office no longer take a bound copy of your



dissertation since the electronic version is much more widely accessible. You can find out more about binding options on the following SGSR website: <https://www.iup.edu/graduatestudies/resources-for-current-students/research/thesis-dissertation-information/finishing-your-degree/thesis-dissertation-printing-and-binding-options.html>

## Graduation

Students must have registered for a total of at least 12 credits of Dissertation (ENGL 995) by the time they graduate. To graduate, you must apply for graduation by the SGSR deadline. You can find out more about the graduation process at <https://www.iup.edu/commencement/graduate/steps-in-the-graduation-process.html>.

It is important to note that students who will finish their dissertation process for an August graduation, will be allowed to walk in the large, University-wide May ceremony, but not in the large, University-wide December ceremony.

### Celebrate Your Success—Plan to Attend the Graduation Ceremonies

You will want to plan to attend graduation ceremonies—both the one for the English Department and the one for the university. To attend the university graduation, you must make sure that fill out the appropriate forms.

You have done a great deal of work that you should celebrate! Being at a university graduation ceremony where your chair or another representative put your Ph.D. hood over your head for the first official time in front of an audience, can be very celebratory. Plan for this once-in-a-lifetime (for most people) experience. Celebrate!

## Becoming an Alumni

Please update your address in URSA and stay in touch with us throughout your career. CAL students are very productive during their careers, and we would like to know about your accomplishments. You can start this process by making sure that you provide the graduate secretary with your new email so that we can add you to our alumni list and to our alumni listserv.

### Requests for Letters of Recommendation

As you move to the job market you will often be asked to provide letters of recommendation. Please follow these steps:

At least six weeks in advance of your deadline for submitting the letters, contact your professors in person or by e-mail to ask them if they are willing to write a letter. Provide the professor with specific information to help them recall you and your accomplishments. Include the following in your request:

- Your complete name (as listed in the IUP directory), plus current postal and e-mail addresses
- Date the letter of recommendation is due
- To whom the letter should be sent—name, title, and address. If you want it sent to you, then provide a self-addressed envelope.
- If the recommendation is to be completed on a form, be sure you have completely filled out your part of the form. Leave no blanks on your section of the form.
- Why you need this letter—what are you applying for?
- Specifics about the position—needed knowledge, skills, and experience

- List all classes you have taken from this professor—specify course numbers, titles, semester, year, brief descriptions of projects you developed, how they might relate to your current application, and final grade.
- List other kinds of work you may have done with this professor—thesis, portfolio, internship, independent study, etc.
- Your current status—semester, year, planned or actual date of graduation, and current job
- Include a copy of your CV or resume, and still include the information above in your request.
- Remember that it is unlikely that your recommender will be able to address accomplishments that he or she was not involved in with you, such as pre- or post-IUP activities, work done for other professors, or work done outside of the program.
- Do not assume that your professors will agree to write a letter for you. Ask politely for a response to your request. Allow one week for the response. If the answer is yes, write a brief thank-you note. If the answer is no, contact the next person on your list. If you do not receive a response, contact the professor again with a polite reminder.

**For students admitted after Fall 2017** – Dissertation and thesis credits will be assigned Pass or Fail as the final evaluation outcome for the taken credits and carry no quality points weighted towards a student’s CGPA.

**For students admitted prior to Fall 2017** – Dissertation and thesis credits will be assigned a letter grade as the final evaluation outcome for the credits taken and carry quality points weighted towards a student’s CGPA for the number of dissertation credits required for the program. “Extended” dissertation credits are not calculated into a student’s CGPA.

For more information, view the Graduate Catalog: <https://catalog.iup.edu/index.php>

## University Policies and Procedures

**University policy is the baseline policy.** Programs may have policies that are more stringent than the University baseline policy; however, not less stringent than the University baseline policy. For questions regarding this statement, please contact [Program Coordinator] or the School of Graduate Studies and Research.

### Academic Calendar

View the IUP Academic Calendar: [www.iup.edu/news-events/calendar/academic/](http://www.iup.edu/news-events/calendar/academic/)

**The Following University and SGSR policies can be found at <https://catalog.iup.edu/index.php>**

Academic Good Standing

Academic Integrity

Bereavement-Related Class Absences

Continuous Graduate Registration for Dissertation and Thesis

Grade Appeal Policy

Graduate Fresh Start Policy

Graduate Residency Requirement

Leave of Absence Policy

Time Limitations

Time-to-Degree Masters/Doctoral Dismissal Appeal Policy  
Time-to-Degree Extensions for Master's Thesis and Doctoral Dissertation  
Transfer of Credits Policy

## Research

### Research Funding

#### Doctoral and Master's Student Travel to Present Papers

This fund supports graduate students currently enrolled in an IUP doctoral or master's program who are presenting papers at professional meetings. It is important to note that you must be a student in good standing in the program to receive travel money. A "student in good standing" is a student who, at the time of applying for travel funding, is a current student in the program and up to date with all program policy requirements, including, but not limited to, completion of his/her annual report.

The maximum award for doctoral students is \$750 for a paper presented out-of-state and \$350 for a paper presented in-state. Students who are co-presenting papers and seeking graduate school funding must evenly divide the award money. An application for funding must be submitted for each conference presentation and received in the English Graduate Office at least two weeks prior to the conference date. Most expenditures are refundable under the travel guidelines, but as of spring 2013, meals will not be refundable. You can find more information and a link to the application form here:

<https://www.iup.edu/research/resources/funding-research/students/graduate/travel-reimbursement-for-graduate-students.html>

#### Graduate Student Research Grants

This fund was created to encourage and support students as they undertake research and creative projects which will contribute new insights in the student's chosen academic field. The amount of the grant that students may receive in support of their research project, creative project, thesis, or dissertation is \$1,000 per year. Applications for support must reflect excellent academic scholarship and must carefully follow the proposal guidelines for funding consideration. The student must be enrolled at IUP during the term of the award. Two grant competitions are held annually; proposals are due the first Monday in November and the first Monday in February. You can find more information at

<https://www.iup.edu/research/resources/funding-research/students/graduate/internal-iup-funding-for-graduate-student-research.html> .

#### Graduate Student Professional Development Fund Outstanding Graduate Student Researchers

Graduate students can apply for up to \$300 to support their participation in scholarly and creative activities that add to their professional development in a significant way. Graduate students must provide a clear description of the proposed activity and explain how it adds to their scholarly development. As part of the application, a faculty member must describe the importance of the activity as it relates to the student's scholarly goals and educational progress. Examples of eligible activities include serving as a moderator, discussant, or proposer/organizer of a panel, roundtable, or focused session at a disciplinary conference; presenting research methodology for feedback at a roundtable discussion at a conference; or leadership activities related to professional or disciplinary associations. Please note that this does not include the type of "moderator" or "chair" role that is sometimes assigned in which you act as the introducer of speakers/timer of a session for which you were not the

proposer of that session. Support to individual students will not exceed \$300 per academic year. See <https://www.iup.edu/english/grad/student-opportunities/our-awards/index.html> .

### Outstanding Graduate Student Researchers

This award recognizes graduate students who have completed what their academic departments believe to be outstanding research projects. Three to five \$100 awards are made to graduate students each spring. These awards are competitive and open to graduate students nominated by faculty advisors from departments that offer graduate programs.

For guidelines, see <https://www.iup.edu/english/grad/student-opportunities/our-awards/index.html> . If you think that your work could qualify for such an award, it is acceptable for you to talk to your chair about this possibility.

### Other Research Related Information

Applied Research Lab: [www.iup.edu/arl/](http://www.iup.edu/arl/)

For more information, visit the website of the School of Graduate Studies and Research, click on Research: [www.iup.edu/graduatestudies/](http://www.iup.edu/graduatestudies/)  
<https://catalog.iup.edu/index.php>  
[www.iup.edu/research/](http://www.iup.edu/research/)

## Program Awards

### Awards at the Composition and Applied Linguistics Ph.D. Level

#### *Patrick M. Hartwell Memorial Scholarship (\$500)*

This award, established in memory of Dr. Hartwell, is given to a doctoral student specializing in Composition Studies who demonstrates academic success and potential for research in Composition Studies. The criteria are as follows:

- Must be a graduate student majoring in Composition Studies in the TESOL/Composition Program, Department of English at IUP
- Must be in good academic standing with a minimum 3.0 GPA and demonstrate a promise for continued academic success
- Must demonstrate interest in and potential for research in Composition Studies

During the Spring semester, the CAL faculty will nominate, and the CAL Awards Committee will select the recipient.

### Awards at the Three Chapter Stage

*Award 1: Promising Future Research in Composition Award*

*Award 2: Promising Future Research in TESOL Award*

### *Award 3: Promising Future Interdisciplinary Research in Literacy Award*

These awards are given to students who have successfully completed the Three Chapter stage of their doctoral work. One award in each category is given to one student each academic year. Once a student has successfully completed the Three Chapter defense, he or she may apply to one of the three categories. A student may submit an abstract for only one award.

The category of the award is selected by the student when applying and not the evaluating committee. A committee of three CAL faculty members will consider the proposal in each category and provide a ranking of the abstracts. The abstract with the highest collective ranking in each category will receive the award. The awarded abstracts with student names may be publicly displayed in HSS and on the web.

**How to apply:** Doctoral students may apply for this award by submitting a two-to-three-page abstract (context, research aims and questions, method, and significance) of the research project to the CAL Program Director; include a cover sheet containing the name of the award category, full contact information, and dissertation committee members. Applications must be received by the CAL Program Director by April 1.

### **Awards at the Three Dissertation Completion Stage**

#### *Award 4: The Ninacs Innovative Researcher in Composition Award (\$250).*

This award was established by the Ninacs family in honor of their grandmother Rose Magno.

#### *Award 5: Innovative Researcher in TESOL Award*

#### *Award 6: Exemplary Interdisciplinary Research in Literacy Award*

These awards are given to students once they have successfully defended their dissertation. One award in each category is given to one student each academic year. Once a student has successfully completed the defense of their dissertation, he or she may apply to one of the three categories. A student may submit the abstract for only one award. The category of the award is selected by the student when applying and not by the evaluating committee. A committee of three CAL faculty members will consider the proposal in each category and provide a ranking of the abstracts. The abstract with the highest collective ranking in each category will receive the award. Acceptance of the award may involve the presentation of a professional lecture at a special ceremony that recognizes the achievement of the student researcher and is open to the entire campus.

**How to Apply:** Doctoral students may apply for this award by submitting a three-page abstract of the dissertation research (context, research aims and questions, method, findings, and significance) to the CAL Program Director. Include a cover sheet containing the title of the award category, full contact information, and dissertation committee members. Applications must be received by the CAL Program Director by April 1.

### **Awards for Exemplary Teaching of Literacy and Language**

#### *Award 7a: Exemplary Teaching of Literacy and Language Award*

#### *Award 7b: Exemplary Teaching of Literacy and Language Award*

Two literacy and language teaching awards recognize quality teaching in literacy and language teaching. The award is intended for students who are actively teaching in the Composition and TESOL Program as teaching associates and who have been evaluated by mentors in the CAL mentoring program. Teaching associate mentors will nominate students and, in conjunction with the awards committee, select two winners. The awards will then be announced publicly. There is no application. Faculty will make this award in the Spring or Summer. The nominated CAL teaching associate will have:

- well-developed and pedagogically sound materials that appeal to students' interests
- a teaching style that appeals to multiple learning styles
- teaching practices that generate multiple types of participation
- engaging presentation and response styles
- students who were actively engaged throughout the class sessions

Considerations for the award may also be based on improvements seen in these areas during the teaching year.

#### Award for Professional Development

##### *Award 8: Professional Accomplishments in Research Award*

The award is intended for students who are actively publishing research in professional journals and presenting research at national and international conferences. A committee of three faculty members will rank the quality of the students' published work. The student with the highest ranking will receive the award. Acceptance of the award may involve making a presentation at an awards ceremony. A sample of the student's work may be publicly displayed in HSS.

**How to Apply:** Master's and doctoral students may apply for this award by presenting a vita and a copy of the publication(s) for which they wish to be recognized. Include a cover sheet containing the title of the award category and full contact information. Applications must be received by the CAL Program Director by April 1.

## Appendices

### Appendix A: A Sample of Recent CAL Program Dissertations

#### 2020

- Alhodithi, Nawal (2020) Undergraduate Research Within an Interdisciplinary English Department: Composition Faculty Experiences and Perceptions. [Dissertation Advisor: Hanauer]
- Field Rothschild, Katherine (2020) “I Was a Writer, even if Teachers Brought Me Down”: The Impact of WID-Oriented Curriculum on Students’ Writerly Identity Development. [Dissertation Advisor: Driscoll]
- Gagich, Melanie (2020) Examining First-Year Students’ Emotional Responses Towards Multimodal Composing and Online Audiences. [Dissertation Advisor: Vetter]
- Grant, John (2020) Mutuality For Universal Access: A Study of Disablism, Ableism and Ableist Normative Violence Affecting Disability Access in First-Year Composition. [Dissertation Advisor: Crane Bizzaro]
- Hull, Brittany (2020) When You Use Ya White Voice Ta Git Da Job; Linguistic Identity Negotiation and the Black Woman English Teacher-Scholar. [Dissertation Advisor: Vetter]
- Jiang, Jialei (2020) From First-Year Writers to Multimodal Public Rhetors: Exploring the Potential of Posthuman Praxis for Multimodal Design and Social Advocacy. [Dissertation Advisor: Vetter]
- Krack, Daniel (2020) An Ethnodramatic Exploration of the Experiences of LGBTQ+ High School Students. [Dissertation Advisor: Deckert]
- Schiera, Anthony (2020) The Positioning of Middle East Regional Writing Centers, Writing Tutors, and Student Clients. [Dissertation Advisor: Deckert]
- Tchekpassi, Tewero (2020) The Becoming of Sub-Saharan Africa’s Higher Education Policy: A Critical Discourse Analysis and Posthuman Reading of a Teacher’s Experiences. [Dissertation Advisor: Porter]
- Webb, Marie (2020) Negotiating Professional Identities of English Language, Rhetoric, Composition and Writing Studies Instructors: Implications for Teacher Education Across Disciplines. [Dissertation Advisor: Park]
- Yacoub, Mohamed (2020) Exploring the Narrated Experiences of Four Multilingual Muslim Students in Separated and Integrated Undergraduate Composition Courses with Implications for Composition Programs. [Dissertation Advisor: Porter]
- Zhang, Tong (2020) Exploring the Value of Rubric Co-Construction on Second Language Writer Formative Assessment Experiences and Metacognition in Writing Learning. [Dissertation Advisor: Hanauer]

#### 2019

- Al Harthy, Said (2019) Investigating Omani Parental Involvement in Their Children’s English Language Learning [Dissertation Advisor: Stewart]
- Anokye, Jane (2019) Theorizing the Multilingual Perspectives on African American English Through HBCU Composition Faculty Members’ Lived Experiences. [Dissertation Advisor: Rafoth]
- Cureton, Darius (2019) Composing In a Digital Age: Unpacking the Techtinum Among First Year Writing Faculty at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. [Dissertation Advisor: Pagnucci]

- Dunning, Wesley (2019) Poetic Rhetoric: Composing Academic Essays with Poems. [Dissertation Advisor: Pagnucci]
- Hasan, Mousa (2019) Exploration of Multilingual Linguistic Landscape as a Source of Input in Second Language Acquisition: Linguistic, Sociolinguistic and Pedagogical Analysis of English-Arabic Public Signage. [Dissertation Advisor: Savova]
- Johnston, Sandra (2019). Towards "Comprehensive Internationalization": A Study of International Student Perceptions and Experiences of L2 Writing Across the Curriculum [Dissertation Advisor: Park]
- Lyon, Thomas (2019) A Pragmatic Analysis of Public Discourse on American Women in Combat [Dissertation Advisor: Pagnucci]
- Mendenhall, Lora (2019) Mitakuye Oyasin and Service-Learning: A Narrative Plan for Ecological Restorative Justice, Jasper County, Indiana [Dissertation Advisor: Pagnucci]
- Oates Primus, Debonair (2019) Racialized and Gendered Madness: Decolonizing Psycho-Social Hysteria in African American and Postcolonial African Black Women's Fiction. [Dissertation Advisor: Yang]

## 2018

- Alhamdan, Alaa (2018) Multilingual Codeswitching between Arabic and English: Structural Patterns, Conversation Strategies, Identity Exhibitions, and Educational Applications [Dissertation Advisor: Savova]
- Brown, Debra (2018) Instructor-Student Conferencing as Pedagogy: Measuring ISC Pedagogy's Impact on Student Writing and Self-Efficacy [Dissertation Advisor: Driscoll]
- Bakri, Haytham (2018) The Effect of Dynamic Written Corrective Feedback on Saudi EFL Students' Writing Accuracy: A Four-Week Study [Dissertation Advisor: Rafoth]
- Darwish, Abdullah (2018) Exploring academic and disciplinary literacy socialization and enactment of international undergraduate students [Dissertation Advisor: Driscoll]
- Dickinson, Summer (2018) Writer(s) Material and Sensorial Worlds: The Story of a Writer Who Raised a Writer [Dissertation Advisor: Porter]
- Liao, Fang-Yu (2018) Translingual Creative Writing Pedagogy Workshops: University Teachers' Transformations on Pedagogical Ideas [Dissertation Advisor: Hanauer]
- Morales, Jack (2018) Literacy Sponsorship at Staten Island Community College of The City University of New York, 1969-1976 [Dissertation Advisor: Vetter]
- Nicholes, Justin (2018) Exploring How Chemistry and English Majors Understand and Construct Disciplinary Identities in Relation to Life, Departmental, and Writing Experiences: Implications for WAC and Retention [Dissertation Advisor: Hanauer]
- Powell, Roger (2018) The Impact of Teacher and Student Mindsets on Responding to Student Writing in First Year Composition [Dissertation Advisor: Driscoll]
- Reid, Evelyn (2018) Stakeholders in the Politics of Literacy Instruction: A Descriptive Study of Narrativized Accounts in Journal of Basic Writing and Computers and Composition: An International Journal [Dissertation Advisor: Rafoth]
- Saaty, Ahdab (2018) Wiki-Supported Collaborative Writing. Saudi Female Graduate Students' Discourse Practices, Writing Patterns, and Participant Perceptions [Dissertation Advisor: Savova]



2017

- Aljubaisi, Bader (2017) Exploring and Understanding Of Administrators, Teachers, and Students Expectations and Actual Use of Technology - Enhanced Language Learning in a Saudi Tertiary Context [Dissertation Advisor: Porter]
- Alluhaydan, Khulud (2017) "Writing to Learn in an Online Community of Practice: An Exploratory Study of Arab ESL Learners' Texts and the Corrective and Commentary Feedback They Received. Linguistic, Pedagogical, and Sociolinguistic Analysis [Dissertation Advisor: Savova]
- Carter, Angie (2017) An Eye Toward Change: Examining Requests in Teacher-Student Writing Conferences [Dissertation Advisor: Rafoth]
- Charles, Quanisha (2017) Black Teachers of English in South Korea [Dissertation Advisor: Park]
- Cobb, Gretchen (2017) Habitus of Deafhood: Using Sociolinguistics of Sign Language to Compile an Academic ASL Dictionary [Dissertation Advisor: Bizzaro]
- Donohue, William (2017) Student Assessment of a Composition Program: A Descriptive Study of Program Outcomes from the Student Perspective [Dissertation Advisor: Pagnucci]
- Hepler, John (2017) The Influence of Technological Knowledge on Professional Identity of New English Program Faculty [Dissertation Advisor: Pagnucci]
- Hopkins, Justin (2017). The Story of Them: The Outcomes of Practicing Autoethnography in Undergraduate Writing Courses. [Dissertation Advisor: Hanauer]
- Lee, Alice (2017) Exploring the Identity Construction of Multilingual Writers in World Englishes Writing Centers [Dissertation Advisor: Deckert]
- Lee, Melissa (2017) Student-Centered Englishes Pedagogy: A Case Study Exploration of a New Orientation to Composition [Dissertation Advisor: Park]
- Lucia, Brent (2017) The Posthuman Turn in Composition: Critical Regionalists Inquiry and its Pedagogical Implications [Dissertation Advisor: Porter]
- Ryan, Emmett (2017) Slow Composition and Fast Food: Teaching Writing for a More Sustainable Future [Dissertation Advisor: Pagnucci]
- Schubert, Laura (2017) Exploring the Connections between Students' Mindsets and Their Writing: An intervention Study with a Course-Embedded Writing Tutor [Dissertation Advisor: Rafoth]
- Sheridan, Cheryl (2017) A Qualitative Study of Four Humanities and Social Sciences English Medium National Scholarly Journals in Taiwan [Dissertation Advisor: Hanauer]
- Simnitt, Emily (2017) Novice Academic Authorship in the Multilingual, Digital Age [Dissertation Advisor: Deckert]
- Simpson, Shelah (2017) Student Perceptions of Online Writing Center Designs for Fully-Online Programs [Dissertation Advisor: Rafoth]
- Zamin, Nadia (2017) Mindful Writers, Sustainable Writing: Implementing Mindfulness Intervention to Support the Writing Practices of Advanced Academic Writers Engaged in High Stakes Writing Projects [Dissertation Advisor: Driscoll]

## Signature Page

My signature below indicates that I am responsible for reading and understanding the information provided and referenced in the Graduate Program in Composition and Applied Linguistics Student Handbook.

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