Chapter 1 : The Best Italian Language and Literature Colleges

Doctorate of Hebrew Literature Degree Application Procedures and Deadlines. The doctor of Hebrew Literature degree in the Gershon Kekst Graduate School is designed for students who wish to pursue advanced academic work in a field of Jewish studies, but do not wish to pursue an academic career.

Terminology[ edit ] The degree is abbreviated PhD sometimes Ph. All of these faculties awarded intermediate degrees bachelor of arts, of theology, of laws, of medicine and final degrees. The doctorates in the higher faculties were quite different from the current PhD degree in that they were awarded for advanced scholarship, not original research. No dissertation or original work was required, only lengthy residency requirements and examinations. Besides these degrees, there was the licentiate. Originally this was a license to teach, awarded shortly before the award of the master or doctor degree by the diocese in which the university was located, but later it evolved into an academic degree in its own right, in particular in the continental universities. According to Keith Allan Noble , the first doctoral degree was awarded in medieval Paris around . But before the early modern era, there were many exceptions to this. Most students left the university without becoming masters of arts, whereas regulars members of monastic orders could skip the arts faculty entirely. The arts faculty, which in Germany was labelled the faculty of philosophy, started demanding contributions to research, [18] attested by a dissertation, for the award of their final degree, which was labelled Doctor of Philosophy abbreviated as Ph. Whereas in the Middle Ages the arts faculty had a set curriculum, based upon the trivium and the quadrivium , by the 19th century it had come to house all the courses of study in subjects now commonly referred to as sciences and humanities. The PhD degree and similar awards spread across Europe in the 19th and early 20th centuries. The degree was introduced in France in , replacing diplomas as the highest academic degree; into Russia in , when the Doktor Nauk degree, roughly equivalent to a PhD, gradually started replacing the specialist diploma , roughly equivalent to the MA, as the highest academic degree; and in Italy in , when PhDs gradually started replacing the Laurea as the highest academic degree. The University of London introduced the DSc in , but as an advanced study course, following on directly from the BSc, rather than a research degree. These were, however, very advanced degrees, rather than research-training degrees at the PhD levelâ€” Harold Jeffreys said that getting a Cambridge ScD was "more or less equivalent to being proposed for the Royal Society". In the English but not the Scottish universities the Faculty of Arts had become dominant by the early 19th century. This contrasted with the situation in the continental European universities at the time, where the preparatory role of the Faculty of Philosophy or Arts was to a great extent taken over by secondary education: The reforms at the Humboldt University transformed the Faculty of Philosophy or Arts and its more recent successors such as the Faculty of Sciences from a lower faculty into one on a par with the Faculties of Law and Medicine. There were similar developments in many other continental European universities, and at least until reforms in the early 21st century many European countries e. To this day this is also still the case for the pontifical degrees in theology and canon law: Until the midth century, advanced degrees were not a criterion for professorships at most colleges. That began to change as the more ambitious scholars at major schools went to Germany for 1 to 3 years to obtain a PhD in the sciences or humanities. Major shifts toward graduate education were foretold by the opening of Clark University in which offered only graduate programs and the Johns Hopkins University which focused on its PhD program. By the s, Harvard, Columbia, Michigan and Wisconsin were building major graduate programs, whose alumni were hired by new research universities. By , Phds were awarded annually, most of them by six universities. It was no longer necessary to study in Germany. The lack of centralised authority meant anyone could start a university and award Phds. It was impossible for professors who were not approved by Berlin to train graduate students. In the United States, by contrast, private universities and state universities alike were independent of the federal government. Independence was high, but funding was low. The breakthrough came from private foundations, which began regularly supporting research in science and history; large corporations sometimes supported engineering programs. The postdoctoral fellowship was established by the Rockefeller Foundation in . Meanwhile, the leading universities, in cooperation with the learned societies, set up a network
of scholarly journals. After World War II, state universities across the country expanded greatly in undergraduate enrollment, and eagerly added research programs leading to masters or doctorate degrees. Their graduate faculties had to have a suitable record of publication and research grants. Late in the 20th century, "publish or perish" became increasingly important in colleges and smaller universities. In other countries such as the UK there is generally no such condition, though this varies by university and field. In order to submit a successful PhD admission application, copies of academic transcripts, letters of recommendation, a research proposal, and a personal statement are often required. Most universities also invite for a special interview before admission. A candidate must submit a project, thesis or dissertation often consisting of a body of original academic research, which is in principle worthy of publication in a peer-reviewed context. Some universities in the non-English-speaking world have begun adopting similar standards to those of the anglophone Ph. With the popularity of distance education and e-learning technologies, some universities now accept students enrolled into a distance education part-time mode. In a "sandwich Ph. The confirmation lecture can be seen as a trial run for the final public defense, though faculty members at this stage can still largely influence the direction of the research. At the end of the lecture, the PhD candidate can be seen as "confirmed" â€” faculty members give their approval and trust that the study is well directed and will with high probability result in the candidate being successful. In the United States, this is generally called advancing to Candidacy, the confirmation event being called the Candidacy Examination. A career in academia generally requires a PhD, though, in some countries, it is possible to reach relatively high positions without a doctorate. In North America, professors are increasingly being required to have a PhD, because the percentage of faculty with a PhD is used as a university ratings measure. Research by Casey[who? While this is a small return to the individual or even an overall deficit when tuition and lost earnings during training are accounted for, he claims there are significant benefits to society for the extra research training. In some cases, the Executive Directors of some types of foundations may be expected to hold a PhD[citation needed] A PhD is sometimes felt to be a necessary qualification in certain areas of employment, such as in foreign policy think-tanks. These included a prediction by economist Richard B. According to the article, only the fastest developing countries e. China or Brazil have a shortage of PhDs. To counter this problem, the United States introduced the Doctor of Arts degree in with seed money from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The aim of the Doctor of Arts degree was to shorten the time needed to complete the degree by focusing on pedagogy over research, although the Doctor of Arts still contains a significant research component. Germany is one of the few nations engaging these issues, and it has been doing so by reconceptualising Ph. This development can be seen in the comprehensive number of Ph. To a lesser extent, the UK research councils have tackled the issue by introducing, since, the EngD. Taylor opined in in Nature that total reform of Ph. D, Doctorate or similar terms.
Chapter 2: Doctor of Hebrew Literature Degree

The degree of Doctor of Literature (LittD) is a higher doctorate and one of the University's most prestigious qualifications. It is awarded only to individuals who have achieved special excellence in their original contributions to linguistic, literary, social or historical knowledge.

Reading lists can be found here: Individualized lists enable students to focus upon new areas of study that are not covered under the Literary Historical Periods or Thematic Disciplines lists. By the end of the semester before exams are taken, students will submit the individual lists and a signature sheet, with signatures of approval from all COS members, to the Associate Chair for Graduate Studies for review. Schedule of Examinations PhD comprehensive examinations are scheduled on the second, third, and fourth Mondays of February and the second, third, and fourth Mondays of September. Format of Examinations Each field examination is four hours long, with extra time for preparation and breaks. Formats vary and depend in part on discussions between students and their COS. Examinations may include identification questions, short essays, and longer essays. These examinations are meant to be rigorous. The COS and the ACGS may require a student to correct any deficiency by taking further coursework, by writing a review essay or research paper in the field, or by re-taking any or all of the examinations. Students who fail a single examination or any combination of the examinations may retake them in a later semester. Those who fail a second time will be dismissed from the program without a degree. The committee consists of four graduate professors, at least one of whom must be from the English Department and one from outside the English Department. The Dissertation Committee Chair must be a tenured or tenure-track member of the University of New Mexico faculty and have regular graduate faculty approval. The COS often forms the core of the Dissertation Committee; however, faculty other than members of the COS may and regularly are invited to serve as members of the Dissertation Committee. To get the Dissertation Committee approved, students must file an Appointment of Dissertation Committee form with the English Graduate Office no later than two weeks before the Prospectus defense. Dissertation Prospectus and Its Defense After passing the Comprehensive Examinations, PhD students must organize a Dissertation Committee, write and submit a Dissertation Prospectus, and successfully defend the prospectus before the Dissertation Committee. The prospectus defense must be completed no later than six calendar months after passing the Comprehensive Examinations. The Prospectus While Dissertation Committees may require different formats for the prospectus, the Graduate Committee recommends that the dissertation prospectus be a ten- to fifteen-page document excluding bibliography, developed under the advisement of the Dissertation Committee. In addition, the prospectus should include a literature review and outline the proposed chapter organization of the dissertation. The Dissertation Prospectus should be construed as a formal proposal, aiming to persuade the professionals in the field of the value and timeliness of the project, its feasibility, and the grounds upon which the study is based. See the Graduate Program website for more instructions on the prospectus: The Dissertation Committee should have the dissertation prospectus at least a week before its defense. Students and their Dissertation Committee should discuss during the defense the strengths and weaknesses of the proposed dissertation project, and the Dissertation Committee should provide concrete advice for successful completion of the dissertation. In the case of a resubmit, the Dissertation Committee chair should work closely with the student to produce an acceptable revision of the dissertation prospectus. The prospectus and its successful defense are considered fundamental requirements for academic progress towards the doctoral degree. Any student who does not produce an acceptable prospectus after the second defense will be considered as not making satisfactory academic progress, which could lead to the suspension or withholding of a TA contract. This form is available from the English Department Graduate Advisor. Students cannot enroll in, and no credit will be accepted from, Engl. After registering in Engl. ABD students who enroll in any other course during a summer, or students who plan to graduate during the summer, must register for Engl. The PhD degree requires a minimum of 18 hours of Engl. The PhD Dissertation A dissertation is a formal, scholarly document, seldom less than double-spaced pages and often much longer, which makes an original contribution to its field and
shows a professional mastery of academic methods and materials. Few dissertations are written in less than a calendar year. PhD students who are also Teaching Assistants commonly find that the process takes two years. UNM requires that students must complete all degree requirements, including the dissertation and defense, within five years of advancing to candidacy i. The UNM Office of Graduate Studies, which has final approval and grants the PhD degree, maintains strict guidelines about the format for submitting all dissertations. Further help is available in the Office of Graduate Studies from the staff member who reviews dissertations for final approval. Prior approval of the Dissertation Committee is required before scheduling the defense. In order to schedule this event, students must file an "Announcement of Final Exam" form at least two weeks in advance. The usual format for the dissertation defense is for the candidate to make a short fifteen- to twenty-minute presentation concerning the ideas, methods, and significance of the dissertation, followed by questions from both Dissertation Committee members and any members of the faculty or public who wish to participate. The four members of the Dissertation Committee will evaluate the dissertation and its defense and recommend grades of "Pass," "Pass with Minor Revisions" including appropriate guidelines from the readers, or "Fail.

After successfully defending the dissertation, the candidate should prepare the final copy and supporting documents in the style required by GS. This office has set strict deadlines for the submission of dissertations, and failure to meet these deadlines will mean postponing graduation. The deadlines are as follows: November 15 for December graduation, April 15 for May graduation, and July 15 for Summer graduation. Appointment of Committee on Studies Form This form formalizes the appointment of the Committee on Studies, normally in the second semester of coursework. Announcement of Comprehensive Examination Form This form, which states the intent to take the Comprehensive Examinations and designates the examining committee, must be filed two weeks before the scheduled date of the first of the three examinations. Application to Candidacy Form This form must be filed the semester before the dissertation defense takes place. It is advantageous, however, to file this form after the Comprehensive Examinations have been passed. Appointment of Dissertation Committee Form This form confers formal approval of the dissertation committee; it should be filed as early as possible but no later than two weeks before the Prospectus defense. If at any time the membership of the Dissertation Committee changes, a new form must be filed immediately. This form allows Graduate Studies to check the graduate status of the faculty on the Dissertation Committee. GS must approve this form before a dissertation defense can be scheduled. Dissertation Prospectus Defense Form This form and the prospectus must be filed with the ACGS after the prospectus defense in order to record its outcome. Announcement of Dissertation Defense Form At least two weeks before the dissertation defense date, this form must be filed with the Graduate Advisor, who forwards it to GS. The Five-Year Rule UNM regulations stipulate that PhD candidates must successfully complete and defend their dissertations within five years of the semester in which they pass the Comprehensive Examinations and are formally advanced to candidacy.

Teaching Assistantship Limits PhD students who hold Teaching Assistantships are limited to ten semesters of assistantship funding, excluding summer TA appointments. Extensions are the exception rather than the rule, and all extensions are contingent upon academic progress, the availability of funding, and departmental need. PhD students who receive a TAship after their first year lose those prior semesters of TAship eligibility. Rich in content, the course of study differs from the typical PhD in Medieval English Literature in that it involves diverse departments such as Art History, English, History, Foreign Languages and Literatures, Spanish, and Philosophy and presents exciting and provocative points of intersection between the literatures and cultures of the Middle Ages and the present. The PhD Concentration in Medieval Studies is a professional degree that focuses entirely upon the English medieval period and the complexity of its literature, a literature that reflects a multi-lingual and highly stratified culture constituting a coalescence of Nordic, Germanic, Norman, Celtic, and Latin elements. This course of study offers students substantive training for academic positions in the medieval period that spans some six centuries. The PhD Concentration in Medieval Studies degree requires 54 hours of coursework, comprehensive examinations in three medieval studies areas, a Foreign Language requirement, and a dissertation. While the English department accepts up to 24 of those hours toward the PhD degree, the course requirements for the PhD, Concentration in Medieval Studies typically limit the number of transferable hours to eleven. Required Coursework 54 hrs Foundational Courses 15 hrs All students must have
taken the following courses, either in their MA program or within the first two years of the PhD program:

Introduction to the Professional Study of English 3 hrs
Must be taken in the first semester of graduate study

Engl. Topics in Medieval Studies: Bibliographical and Research Methods 3 hrs
Engl. Introduction to Old English 3 hrs
Chaucer 3 hrs
History or Medieval Language and Literature 9 hrs
Advanced Old English 3 hrs
Middle English Language 3 hrs
Middle English Literature 3 hrs

Only one course [3 hrs] may be counted from the History department. The following seminars count toward the degree and should be taken when offered in topics related to Old or Middle English or Medieval Language, History, and Culture.

Studies in British Literature 4 hrs
Studies in Genre, Backgrounds, and Forces 4 hrs
History or Anglo-Saxon England, or The Crusades 3 hrs each.

See the Medieval Studies Director for other approved seminars.

Electives 9 hrs
The required courses above total 45 hours, inclusive of foundational and core courses; students who have transferred at least nine hours from the MA into the PhD will have fulfilled the minimum course requirements, excluding dissertation hours, required for the degree. Students who need more course credits, should fulfill their remaining hours with approved graduate courses in English or related disciplines under the advisement of their COS and the Director of Medieval Studies in English. All 54 regular course requirements must be completed before enrolling for dissertation hours. Dissertation hrs, no limit

Foreign Language Requirement
PhD students in Medieval Studies must demonstrate a reading knowledge of Latin, to be satisfied no later than the second year. Competency is satisfied either by passing a language examination or Latin Intermediate Latin or Latin Accelerated Latin Reading with a grade of B or better.

Students must also demonstrate competency in an additional language other than English. Competency can be demonstrated with a grade of B or better: Course credits for classes used to complete the language or research requirement cannot be counted toward the hour requirement for regular course work. The Committee on Studies COS As soon as the first and no later than the second semester in the program, PhD students choose three tenure-track faculty members from the Department of English to serve as their Committee on Studies. The COS serves as the primary source of advisement during the first phases of the PhD degree, guiding students in the selection of course work, preparation for the comprehensive examination, and in professional development. One faculty member must be designated as the Chair of the COS. Students may add a fourth member from outside the department to the COS. Since members of the COS write and grade the comprehensive examinations, COS members are typically specialists in each of the three examination areas. Often, but not always, these same faculty members serve later on the Dissertation Committee. PhD Comprehensive Examinations In accordance with the Department of English policy on PhD exams, students must take three field examinations of four hours length each. Because a degree in the PhD concentration in Medieval Studies in English connotes a special mastery of medieval English, the examinations must cover Old English, Middle English, and one other medieval disciplinary field. Format of Examinations Each field examination is four hours long. Examinations may include identification questions, translations, short essays, and longer essays.
Chapter 3: Qualification regulations for the Doctor of Literature - Massey University

Doctor of English Literature, distance learning degree programs for adult learners at the bachelors, masters, and doctoral level. As a nontraditional university, self paced programs taken online, by correspondence or home study.

A doctoral degree, or doctorate, is a graduate level academic or professional degree. In the United States it is considered the highest degree an individual can earn in a given field of study, and as such, it is often referred to as a terminal degree. Doctor of Nursing Practice to 10 years to complete. Most doctoral graduates, however, take an average of 8. This degree will require 60 to semester credit hours or approximately 20 to 40 college courses. The Growth of Doctoral Degrees While a doctorate is required for very few careers, it is growing in popularity, not only among academics but professionals too. Furthermore, in areas where state licensing is required, such as teaching in public schools and colleges, engineering and psychology, a doctoral degree is highly beneficial, if not mandatory. Research positions at universities, government agencies, corporations and private research facilities may also require employees to have a doctorate. Types of Doctoral Degrees Over the last few centuries, there has been substantial evolution and proliferation in the number and types of doctoral degrees. Whether an individual will have that title depends in large part on the type of degree earned as well as the subject area. The following are general classifications of doctoral degrees. Professional Doctoral Degree Professional doctorates are degrees that are awarded in fields where advanced study and research are aligned with a specific profession, such as psychology, medicine, engineering, education, or law. These advanced degrees are particularly common in the United States and Canada. Popular Professional Doctorates â€“ U. These degrees, sometimes referred to as first professional degrees, were created in an effort to strengthen professional training programs. These advanced degrees have since been introduced in other fields as well, such as the Doctor of Audiology in and Doctor of Nursing Practice DNP in Research Doctoral Degree Research doctorates are awarded by colleges and universities throughout the world. These doctoral degrees are awarded to candidates who have conducted research that is publishable in a peer-reviewed academic journal. In the United States, to earn a research doctorate an individual must also complete substantial coursework beyond the masters level. Other popular doctorates include the Doctor of Education Ed. The ThD, as suggested by its name, is a research doctorate in theology, awarded by both secular and religious institutions including the University of Toronto and Harvard Divinity School, to name some examples.

Chapter 4: Children's Literature PhD Programs | The Classroom

The Literature and Criticism Program's Doctor of Philosophy in English is designed for present or future teachers at the college or university level. It features both a regular academic-year program and a very active summer program for established teachers who wish to complete their degrees in the summers only.

Chapter 5: Doctor of Philosophy - Wikipedia

"The idea of combining literature and medicine â€“ or narrative medicine as it is sometimes called â€“ has been part of medical education for over 40 years. Studies have repeatedly shown that such literary training can strengthen and support the compassionate instincts of doctors."

Chapter 6: Master of English Literature and Language - St. Mary's University

If the OP told people the degree was a Ph.D. in literature (or literature and philosophy), it would be okay, if inaccurate. In the UK, the difference between the EdD and the PhD is very real. The degrees are earned in different ways.

Chapter 7: Top Creative Writing Doctorate Degrees & Graduate Programs
The Doctor of Literature is awarded as a research degree which recognizes both a Candidate's previously published work and new research in the field of commerce, administration, and social science. The Doctor of Literature degree is typically considered equivalent in standing to that of the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

Chapter 8: The Best English Language and Literature/Letters Programs

A doctoral degree, or doctorate, is a graduate level academic or professional degree. In the United States it is considered the highest degree an individual can earn in a given field of study, and as such, it is often referred to as a terminal degree.

Chapter 9: How to abbreviate Doctor of Literature and Philosophy in the US | DegreeInfo

See the top English Language and Literature/Letters college majors in the U.S. Explore the number of graduates and colleges that offer each Doctor's degree research scholarship program.