ECL Handbook – CoLEAGS Edition - Unofficial

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**Basic Requirements**

**Courses**: Twelve courses over two years

* Eight (8) must be 700/800 level courses (20-25 page seminar paper)
* Independent Study papers must be meet the 20-25 page limit to count for seminar credit
* Transfer credit allowed for up to three (3) courses

**Grades**: ‘H’ is excellent, ‘P’ is satisfactory, ‘L’ is enough to pass, ‘F’ is a fail, ‘I’ is incomplete

* No more than one ‘I’ per semester
* Three ‘P’s in a year means a progress meeting
* One ‘L’ in a year means a progress meeting

**Language Requirement**: Proficiency in one language is satisfied by any of the following:

* Undergrad major
* Grad school administered exam
* 4 undergrad semesters of non-Western language (approval required)
* Special readings courses in Classics, German, or Romance Languages (601 and 602)
* Any undergrad literature course in a foreign language after BA (minimum grade: B)
* English 814: History of English Language (not for comp lit students)
* If English is your second language, it counts toward the requirement
* Take and pass one or two accelerated intro language courses at 400 level above for one course credit each. You can only take up to two, and they can only count for non-seminar credit, **not** seminar credit. You must also take them for a grade, **not** pass/fail.
* Petitioning the GAC with 300-500 word explanation and support of your dissertation director (via signature) to request a waiver of your language requirement entirely. **Only** for ENGL students, **not** CMPL.

**Advisor**: Secure by end of second year

**Qualifying Exams**: Year three. Fall semester with MA, spring semester without MA.

* Three exams: Field, Focus, and oral
* Students must submit the “Request to Take Comprehensive Exams” form to department one semester before they plan to take exams (intranet)
* Oral defense must be within one month of Field and Focus exams

**Prospectus**: Written and defended ideally within same semester as qualifying exams are taken. Can write and defend in following semester, but requires meeting with DGS. 2500-3500 words.

**First full committee meeting**: Year four; at least one chapter ready.

* For English, at least three members must be tenured faculty from ECL
* For Comp lit, at least two members must be tenured faculty from ECL
* Students may request exceptions from the DGS, who will request them from the graduate school

**Publication**: Publish at least one article before completing diss; start submitting asap after year one (recommended)

**BA Timeline**

**Year 1**: 4 courses per semester

* Includes intro to grad study and pedagogy
* Do not take four courses if teaching

**Year 2**: 2 courses per semester

* Take language exam
* Assemble exam committee (spring)

**Year 3**: Study for exams (fall); exams and prospectus (spring)

**Year 4**: First chapter meeting (fall)

* Job placement seminar (optional)

**Year 5**: Apply for fellowships (fall); finish diss, prepare job materials (spring)

* Job placement seminar (if not year 4)

**Year 6**: Apply for fellowships and jobs

**MA Timeline**

**Year 1**: 2-3 courses per semester

**Year 2**: 2 courses per semester

**Year 3**: Exams (fall); prospectus (spring)

**Year 4**: First chapter meeting (fall)

* Job placement seminar

**Year 5**: Apply for fellowship (fall); finish diss, prepare job materials (spring)

**Year 6**: Apply for fellowships and jobs