

## Advising Checksheet: Rhetoric & Composition

**Plan A Credit Requirements:** 32 credits, including six credits of E699 MA Thesis

**Plan B Credit Requirements:** 34 credits, including two credits of E698 MA Project

### Required Coursework (Plan A)

| Course           | Course Description   | credits |
|------------------|--|---------|
| E501             | Theories of Composition  | 3       |
| E504             | Situating Composition Studies: Theory, Practice and Disciplinary Politics  | 3       |
| E600b            | Research Methods and Theory  | 3       |
| E633             | Writing theory (E633 is a variable topics course)  | 3       |
| E637 or SPCM 601 | Historical backgrounds of writing (select from E637 History of Writing, or SPCM601 History of Rhetorical Theory or choose a course in consultation with your advisor)*   | 3       |
| Three courses    | Elective Courses (at least nine credits in Rhetoric/Composition/English or closely related fields*) developed in consultation with your advisor (Courses may not include those used to satisfy other requirements for this program.) | 9       |
| E692             | Colloquium (2 credits, 1 credit taken in each of two spring semesters)   | 2       |
| E699             | MA Thesis  | 6       |
|                  |  |         |
|                  | Total  | 32      |

\*Up to 9 credits may be taken in outside departments. Courses outside the department can be taken at the 300, 400, 500, or 600 level.

- ◆ A maximum of 2 credits of E695 (independent study) may count toward graduation.
- ◆ Graduate students may register for any number of internship credits, but a total of only six credits of E684 and E687 (combined) will count toward graduation requirements.

### Required Coursework (Plan B)

| Course           | Course Description   | credits |
|------------------|--|---------|
| E501             | Theories of Composition  | 3       |
| E504             | Situating Composition Studies: Theory, Practice and Disciplinary Politics  | 3       |
| E600b            | Research Methods and Theory  | 3       |
| E633             | Writing theory (E633 is a variable topics course)  | 3       |
| E637 or SPCM 601 | Historical backgrounds of writing (select from E633 History of Writing or SPCM601 History of Rhetorical Theory or choose a course in consultation with your advisor)*  | 3       |
| Three courses    | Elective Courses (at least nine credits in Rhetoric/Composition/English or closely related fields*) developed in consultation with your advisor (Courses may not include those used to satisfy other requirements for this program.) | 9       |
| Two courses      | Additional courses (select from courses in English or outside departments*◆)   | 6       |
| E692             | Colloquium (2 credits, 1 credit taken in each of two spring semesters)   | 2       |
| E698             | MA Project   | 2       |
|                  |  |         |
|                  | Total  | 34      |

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## **Milestones:**

- Complete GS6 form in the first half of the third semester. This includes selecting a thesis/project advisor, selecting committee members (advisor, 2<sup>nd</sup> reader, and outside reader), and laying out a course of study.
- Hold preliminary meeting with thesis/project advisor to discuss plans for the thesis or project in spring of your first year. This will allow you to develop a summer research/reading plan. Meet with your thesis/project advisor to discuss progress each in the third semester.
- Submit GS25 form by the second week of the final semester.
- Deliver presentation at colloquium in second year of the program.
- Successfully defend thesis or project and submit GS24 form—plus GS30 and GS31 forms if defending a thesis—by approximately the eighth week in the final semester in order to meet the graduation deadline (date varies by semester).

Also see the M.A. Advising Notes at

<http://english.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2014/07/ma-notes.pdf>



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