

Wayne State University, Department of English -- Petition for the Language Requirement

Name _____ Date: _____

Program: Ph.D. M.A. Plan B

Academic Adviser (Faculty Adviser or DGS) _____

Proposed plan for fulfilling the language requirement, including how it will be demonstrated (through an examination or through coursework), a timeline for completing the requirement, and the relationship of the language proficiency to the student's academic project (s) or career goals:

If the student is applying for a waiver of the Language Requirement, provide a brief rationale:

Is this a revision? ___ Yes ___ No / Previous petition date: _____

Student signature and date

Determination of the Academic Adviser or DGS regarding the Language Requirement:

Academic adviser signature and date

Director of Graduate Studies signature and date

Please turn this form in to the DGS at the time the Plan of Work is completed -- in the semester of 40 credit hours for Ph.D. students (including transfer credits) or 10 credit hours for M.A. Plan B students. A copy of these approvals will be kept in the student's file and a copy of the approved petition along with the result will be returned to the student.

Instructions

For M.A. students pursuing Plan B Essay, the Petition for the Language Requirement must be filed with the Director of Graduate Studies at the time of the Plan of Work, or the semester one reaches 10 credit hours. Any further revision of the requirement must occur by the semester the student reaches 15 credit hours. The requirement on file at that time will be considered final for the degree.

For Ph.D. students, the Petition for the Language Requirement must be filed with the Director of Graduate Studies at the time of the Plan of Work or the semester one reaches 40 credit hours. Students are encouraged to finalize plans for the Language Requirement with their dissertation directors at the time of Candidacy. The requirement may be adjusted up until the time of the Prospectus Approval. The requirement on file at that time will be considered final for the degree.

The following are examples of ways that adequate reading knowledge of a language may be demonstrated, and are offered to assist academic advisers and students in planning ways to clearly demonstrate proficiency (not an exhaustive list):

M.A. Level:

- Passing a translation examination administered by an appropriate individual; approval of the proctor is required from the Director of Graduate Studies. (*Note: this is the preferred option.*)
- Completion of an Educational Testing Service CLEP test in the language with a score of 55 or higher.
- At least two semesters of coursework in a language other than English at the undergraduate level with grades of B or better and one non-translated literature course or an intensive language course the level of which is determined by placement exam (e.g. FRE 5000 for 3 credits or more) with a grade of B or better in the same language. (Any undergraduate coursework that must be taken will not count toward the M.A. degree.)
- One semester of Old English with the grade of B or better. This instruction may be delivered either through coursework or by directed study.

Ph.D. Level

- Passing a translation examination administered by an appropriate individual; approval of the proctor is required from the Director of Graduate Studies. (*Note: this is the preferred option.*)
- Completion of an Educational Testing Service CLEP test in the language with a score of 60 or higher.
- At least three semesters of coursework in a language other than English at the undergraduate level or higher with grades of B or better and one appropriate 5000-level (or higher) course in the same language with a grade of B or better. This course can be either a non-translated literature course or an intensive language course the level of which is determined by placement exam (e.g. FRE 5000 for 3 credits or more). (Any undergraduate coursework that must be taken will not count toward the Ph.D. degree.)
- Two semesters of Old English with grades of B or better. This instruction may be delivered either through coursework or through directed study.

Undergraduate coursework may be taken during the student's Bachelor's degree program to count for this requirement. If graduate coursework (5000-level) is required by the academic advisor in order to fulfill this requirement, it should be included on the student's Plan of Work, although existing limits on the number of courses that may be taken outside of the degree program will still apply.