Theory and Practice of Composition and Rhetoric

Comprehensive Examination Reading List
Selected by the Graduate Faculty

MA candidates who sit for the composition and rhetoric examination should be able to demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of the history of rhetoric, history of writing instruction, composition theory, rhetorical theory, and rhetorical criticism. Area experts from among the graduate faculty offer the following works for students to read in preparing for the exam:

History of Rhetoric:


History of Writing Instruction (read one):


COMPOSITION THEORY (READ ALL ARTICLES AND AT LEAST ONE BOOK FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST):


RHETORICAL THEORY (READ THE WORKS BY BURKE AND AT LEAST ONE OTHER BOOK):


**RHETORICAL CRITICISM (READ BURKE AND AT LEAST ONE OTHER SELECTION):**


