I. ADMISSION TO THE Ph.D. PROGRAM:

Candidates applying for admission with M.A. degrees need to submit the following:

1. An official application form.
2. Transcripts of all college- and graduate-level work to date.
3. Three letters of recommendation (letters may be accompanied with Letters of Recommendation form—but the form is not mandatory).
4. A statement of purpose (see Note 2 below).
5. A ten- to twenty-page sample of their scholarly writing (in English or in German).
6. For those applying for Graduate Teaching Fellowships (GTF), the 3-page application for that award.
7. TOEFL/IELTS Score: All applicants whose native language is not English must supply results of either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). The department requires a TOEFL score of at least 575 (paper), 233 (computer) or 88 (internet) or an IELTS overall score of 7.0.

Please submit by mail all materials required by the department (including all official transcripts of college-level work to date) to:

Department of German and Scandinavian
University of Oregon
1250 UO
Eugene, Or 97403-1250, USA.

Please submit by mail another copy of all official transcripts (except University of Oregon) from all the institutions where you have earned a degree to:

Office of Admissions
1217 University of Oregon
Eugene, OR 97403-1217, USA.

Notes:

1. All items are due by January 15 for application for the following fall. The Graduate Committee will evaluate each file and notify applicants of the decision by April 1. Admission is provisional and will change to full admission upon successful completion of the first term of study.

2. Statement of purpose should discuss developing research and teaching interests, put past and future course work into perspective, and forecast a dissertation area, if not a precise topic. This area should fall within the Department’s research and teaching focus on literary and cultural studies from 1750 to the present.
II. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

A. **Course Work:** Students must successfully complete at least 58 credits of graduate course work beyond those required for the M.A. degree. A minimum GPA of 3.3 is required throughout. These credits will be distributed as follows:

- Six seminars at the GER 500 or 600-level (24 credits)—Not more than one seminar for Pass/No Pass.
- RL 608 (Workshop: Teaching Methods, 4 credits graded) or equivalent—Credit granted upon entrance for prior equivalent course.
- GER 609 Pedagogy (at least 9 credits).
- GER 601 Research (3 credits)—one term advising, two terms portfolio paper revision (see B below).
- At least 4 further seminars at the 500-600 level, excluding 601, 603, 608, 609.* Not more than one of these courses may be taken for Pass/No Pass. Up to two of them may be taken as *Reading and Conference.
- GER 608 (Doctoral Colloquium, 2 credits Pass/No Pass).

*Students may take, with the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies, up to the entirety of the four further seminars at the 500-600 level (and/or optional additional credits) in related disciplines outside of the Department of German and Scandinavian. Our various sub-concentrations within the Department, which include philosophical and theoretical discourses, Holocaust- and memory-studies, visual culture, folk traditions, Scandinavian studies, and German Shakespeare studies, represent substantive links to other departments and programs, in particular Philosophy, History, Judaic Studies, Art History, Music, English, Comparative Literature, and Folklore. We encourage you to explore these links while maintaining your focus on German.

Notes:

1. Once students have advanced to candidacy, i.e. after they have completed the above-listed required course work (with exception of GER 608) and passed their examinations, they must earn at least 18 credits in GER 603 (Dissertation) prior to defense of the dissertation. After the examinations, three credits of German 603 are the minimum required each quarter to maintain enrollment in the program.
2. Students must submit an approved Independent Study Agreement for GER 601, 603, 605, and 608 each time they enroll for one of these courses.
3. Graduate students in German must be enrolled for a minimum of 2 regularly scheduled GER graduate courses, or graduate courses in other departments, according to these Ph.D. degree requirements, plus the pedagogy colloquium, for each term of any GTF appointment within the Department prior to the passage of the examinations.
4. On professional training beyond course-work and teaching: each year the Department offers a broad variety of lectures, conferences, and/or workshops. These extracurricular events are essential for the professional training of our graduate students, who are therefore strongly urged to attend.

B. **Course Papers:** Students must complete at least one substantial research paper (PhD: ca. 20 pages plus bibliography) per term. Each term all professors teaching graduate courses in the Department of German and Scandinavian will provide alternatives (such as a final exam or other project) to writing a research paper.
C. Portfolio Papers: Each student must submit two "portfolio" papers to the Director of Graduate Studies (and to her/his Examination Committee, once it is formed) prior to taking the written preliminary examination. These papers comprise substantial revisions or reworkings of either research papers the student has written for courses in the program or (for a maximum of one of the portfolio papers) work done in the context of her/his Master's program (theses or term papers). At least one portfolio paper must be submitted by the end of the first academic year. The second must be submitted by the end of the fall quarter of the second academic year. To prepare a portfolio paper, one must first arrange with a professor to revise a term paper written for her/his course (or work from a previous graduate program), and then enroll for 1 credit of GER 601 Research with this professor. One must further submit an outline of one's argument and/or a summary of the proposed revisions for the professor's approval before revising the given paper. Each "portfolio" paper must be approved by the professor directing the revisions of the paper at the conclusion of the revision-work.

One of the portfolio papers must be developed to the point of being capable of being submitted for publication as a scholarly article or paper to be published in a conference proceedings volume, and must ultimately be submitted to a scholarly journal or proposed essay collection or proceedings volume prior to the defense of the dissertation.

D. Foreign Language Requirement: Students are required to demonstrate advanced knowledge of at least one language other than German (or English for native German speakers). This requirement may be met by passing the last term of the third year sequence of a foreign language or by taking a 400-level literature course (P/NP) conducted in that language.

E1. Written and Preliminary Oral Examination: At the end of the first year in the Ph.D. program and on the recommendation of the Graduate Committee, students are to form an examination committee and assemble a reading list to begin preparing for their written examinations, which they should take by mid-May of their second year of study. The examination committee will administer the exams. Each student will choose three department faculty members to serve on this committee and approve the reading list. The written exam will consist of 3 three-hour tests, each of which will focus on a critical literary-historical or literary-critical category. The student's reading list for the exam will be based on texts discussed in his/her courses and other texts agreed to by the committee. If one section of the written examinations is unsatisfactory, the committee may recommend that the student retake that section (with a new set of questions). If more than one section of the exam is unsatisfactory, the student will not continue in the program. Within two weeks of the written exam, the student must pass a 1-hour preliminary oral exam, which will explore further the topics on the written exam and other aspects of the reading list. This oral examination will conclude with the student's brief presentation of a preliminary dissertation topic.

E2. Writing Project: Students may choose a writing project to substitute for the written exams. This paper (ca. 50 pages) must be of sufficient historical scope to equal the exam areas, and be approved by the examination committee. The preliminary oral exam will be scheduled within two weeks of the paper's approval.

F. Dissertation Committee and Prospectus: Within two weeks after passing the oral examination the student will name a dissertation director and three additional committee members and inform the graduate adviser and the graduate school who the director and committee members are (and submit to the graduate adviser a completed doctoral-student activity form). Three committee members (including the director) must be from the Department of German and Scandinavian, and at least one committee member must be a senior faculty member. The fourth committee member must be from outside the Department of German and Scandinavian. All committee members must be regular instructional faculty members (assistant professor or above). In the term following the passage of the exams (excluding summer), i.e. normally in the fall of the third year, the candidate must submit and defend a prospectus of the planned dissertation to this Dissertation Committee (which may include the same members as the Examination Committee). All committee members must approve the prospectus (and sign the doctoral-student activity form) before the candidate can proceed with the dissertation. The text of the prospectus should be approximately ten pages in length, and a bibliography must be appended to the text.
After the prospectus defense—including in the case of a successful and approved defense—the committee may suggest revisions. The dissertation director will supervise these revisions, which must be completed to the satisfaction of the entire committee by the end of the first month of the following term.

G. **Advancement to Candidacy** requires the satisfactory completion of:

1. Written exam
2. Oral exam
3. Language requirement
4. Minimum of 1 year of college-level teaching in the Department of German and Scandinavian
5. Prospectus (and approved defense of prospectus)

Each candidate must file the graduate-school form for advancement to candidacy at: http://gradweb.uoregon.edu

H. **Dissertation:** The department recommends that the candidate defend the completed dissertation (ca. 200 pages) within two years after passing the written and oral examinations. Graduate School regulations require that the candidate defend the dissertation within 7 years from the first period of residency as a Ph.D. student. For the required format, please see the appropriate Graduate School Manual. The references and works cited are to be listed according to the current MLA Style Manual. The dissertation is usually written in English, but students may petition the Graduate School for permission to write it in German.

I. **Oral Defense:** The candidate must pass the final oral examination, or defense of the dissertation, in order to be awarded the degree. The candidate must submit the penultimate draft of the dissertation to the Doctoral Committee, one copy for each member, no less than 4 weeks before the defense is scheduled.

J. **Length of Study and Support:** The program is designed so that students can complete the required course work, pass the exams, and submit the prospectus within two years. Students can expect support via a GTF award for the first two years (six academic quarters), contingent on positive annual teaching evaluation and satisfactory academic progress (i.e. successful completion of course work and exams/writing project). A third year of GTF support (an additional three academic quarters) will be granted upon commencement of the dissertation work. We attempt to provide a fourth year in all cases, to enable successful completion and defense of the dissertation.

**Note:** Students are encouraged to gain teaching experience while studying for the degree. They are also encouraged to spend at least one year of study and/or research in a German-speaking country. Information and guidance on applying for major grants is available.

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