

## HOTT Area of Concentration in the English Ph.D.

### Requirements and Recommendations

#### Course Requirements (18 credit hours):

- History of Text Technologies 5XXX. An historical and theoretical overview of transnational text technologies from prehistory to the present. Students must take this course within two semesters of declaring their concentration.
- One course in each of three conceptual areas within the history of text technologies:
  - Textual production
  - Textual transformation
  - Textual reception
    - Note: A variety of courses would qualify. For example, “Production” could be satisfied by a course in Paleography, or one in Bibliography, or one in Television and Music case studies. “Transformation” could be satisfied by a course on translation across languages and media, or one on Editing Shakespeare, or one on the way digitalization transforms texts and images created by earlier technologies. “Reception” could be satisfied by a course on the History of Reading, or one on media ecologies.
- Students are required to take one or more courses in at least two textual media. The focus on “technologies” (plural) means that students in this concentration cannot focus all their coursework on a single technology. For the purposes of this requirement, textual media are defined as (a) manuscript (b) print (c) visual texts (d) computing/digital (e) film and television (f) voice recording (g) other. (This final category might include inscription, tattoo or other forms of writing-on-the-body, etc.)
- The focus on “history” includes the present and future, but it means that students are required to take one or more courses in at least two historical periods.
  - Note: For example, a student concentrating in the hand-press print period (roughly, early modern) might satisfy this requirement by taking a course in film production or in digital multimedia theory.
- Students must take at least one course focusing upon a text technology tradition outside of English.
- Recommended:
  - Fieldwork in archives and/or production sites.

In order to satisfy any of these requirements, or to count toward the required 18 credit areas for the concentration, a course must be approved by the Director of HOTT.

- Note: Courses need not be taught by a member of the current HOTT faculty.
- "Double-dipping." Although all students must take the four courses specified above in paragraphs 1 and 2, the distribution requirements in paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 could be satisfied by courses in paragraph 2. Likewise, a course that satisfies a distribution requirement in paragraph 3 might also satisfy one in paragraph 4 or 5, etc. A course that satisfied a HOTT concentration requirement might also satisfy an English department distribution requirement (pre-1660, 1660-1900, alterity).