

# COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES

## Dual-Titles

### Dual-Title Ph.D. in Communication Arts and Sciences and African American and Diaspora Studies

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-208 Dual-Title Graduate Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-208-dual-titles/>).

#### Admission Requirements

Dual-title CAS and AFAM graduate students will first be admitted to CAS in accordance with the requirements stipulated by Graduate Council and the department. After admission to the CAS Ph.D. program, students must apply for admission to and meet the admissions requirements of the African American and Diaspora Studies dual title program. Refer to the Admission Requirements section of the African American and Diaspora Studies Bulletin (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/african-american-diaspora-studies/>) page. Doctoral students must be admitted into the dual-title degree program in African American and Diaspora Studies prior to taking the qualifying examination in their primary graduate program.

#### Degree Requirements

To qualify for a dual-title degree, students must satisfy the requirements of the CAS Ph.D. program in which they are primarily enrolled. In addition, students must complete the degree requirements for the dual-title Ph.D. in African American and Diaspora Studies, listed on the AFAMD DualTitle Bulletin Page (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/african-american-diaspora-studies/>). No more than 6 credits may be double counted towards both CAS Ph.D. and AFAMD dual-title degree requirements. Within this framework, final course selection is determined by the student, their CAS and AFAMD advisers.

#### Qualifying Examination

Students must meet the Ph.D. qualifying examination requirements specified by the CAS program. During the qualifying examination, the student will also be assessed for qualifying to the dual-title program, and at least one member of the qualifying examination committee must come from the AFAMD dual-title program. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs may serve in a combined role. Students in the dual-title Ph.D. program will be required to present to their committee a portfolio of work in African American and Diaspora Studies that includes a statement of the student's interdisciplinary research interests, a program plan, and samples of writing that indicate the student's interest in questions taken up by scholars of African American and Diaspora Studies. There will be a single qualifying examination, containing elements of both CAS and AFAMD. Dual-title graduate degree students may require an additional semester to fulfill requirements for both areas of study and, therefore, the qualifying examination may be delayed one semester beyond the normal period allowable.

#### Ph.D. Committee Composition

In addition to the general Graduate Council requirements for Ph.D. committees (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-600/gcac-602-phd-committee-formation/>), at least two members of the committee must be members of the African American and Diaspora Studies graduate faculty. If the chair is not a member of the AFAMD Graduate Faculty, the committee member representing AFAMD

must be appointed co-chair of the committee. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs' Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role.

#### Comprehensive Examination

The African American and Diaspora Studies representative on the student's Ph.D. committee will develop questions for and participate in the evaluation of the comprehensive examination. The faculty member (or members) affiliated with the dual-title Ph.D. program will be responsible for administering a portion of the comprehensive exam that will require the student to demonstrate an understanding of various theoretical and methodological approaches to African American Studies, and an ability to apply them to issues and problems in the field.

#### Dissertation and Final Oral Examination

Students in the dual-title program are required to write and orally defend a dissertation on a topic that is approved in advance by their Ph.D. committee and reflects their original research and education in CAS and AFAMD. The African American and Diaspora Studies-related topic of the dissertation or the African American and Diaspora Studies component will be approved by the student's Ph.D. committee. Upon completion of the doctoral dissertation, the candidate must pass a final oral examination (the dissertation defense) to earn the Ph.D. degree. The dissertation must be accepted by the Ph.D. committee, the head of the graduate program, and the Graduate School.

### Dual-Title Ph.D. in Communication Arts and Sciences and Bioethics

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-208 Dual-Title Graduate Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-208-dual-titles/>).

#### Admission Requirements

Dual-title bioethics graduate students will first be admitted to their primary program in accordance with the requirements stipulated by Graduate Council and the primary program. After admission to their primary program, students must apply for admission to and meet the admissions requirements of the Bioethics dual-title program. Refer to the Admission Requirement section of the Bioethics Bulletin page (<http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/bioethics/>). They will be admitted to graduate study in the Bioethics program by an admissions committee consisting of faculty affiliated with the Bioethics program. Doctoral students must be admitted into the dual-title degree program in Bioethics prior to taking the qualifying examination in their primary graduate program.

#### Degree Requirements

To qualify for a dual-title degree, students must satisfy the requirements of the CAS Ph.D. degree program in which they are primarily enrolled. In addition, students must complete the degree requirements for the dual-title Ph.D. in Bioethics, listed on the Bioethics Bulletin page (<http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/bioethics/>). Within this framework, final course selection is determined by the student, their CAS and Bioethics advisers.

#### Qualifying Examination

Students must meet the Ph.D. qualifying examination requirements specified by the CAS program. During the qualifying examination, the student will also be assessed for the Bioethics program, and at least one member of the qualifying examination committee must come from the Bioethics program. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs may serve in a combined role. There will be a single qualifying

examination, containing elements of both CAS and bioethics. Dual-title graduate degree students may require an additional semester to fulfill requirements for both areas of study and, therefore, the qualifying examination may be delayed one semester beyond the normal period allowable.

### **Ph.D. Committee Composition**

In addition to the general Graduate Council requirements for Ph.D. committees (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-600/phd-dissertation-committee-formation/>), the Ph.D. committee of a CAS and Bioethics dual-title Ph.D. student must include at least one member of the Bioethics Graduate Faculty. Graduate students are encouraged to have a second committee member so qualified. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs' Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. If the chair of the Ph.D. committee is not also a member of the Graduate Faculty in Bioethics, the member of the committee representing Bioethics must be appointed as co-chair. The Bioethics representative on the student's Ph.D. committee will develop questions for and participate in the evaluation of the comprehensive examination.

### **Comprehensive Examination**

The faculty member (or members) affiliated with the Bioethics Program will be responsible for administering a portion of the comprehensive exam that will require the student to demonstrate an understanding of various theoretical and methodological approaches to bioethics, and an ability to apply them to issues and problems (including, where appropriate, practical problems) in their primary field.

### **Dissertation and Final Oral Examination**

Students in the dual-title program are required to write and orally defend a dissertation on a topic that is approved in advance by their Ph.D. committee and reflects their original research and education in CAS and Bioethics. The bioethics-related topic of the dissertation or the bioethics component will be approved by the student's Ph.D. committee. Upon completion of the doctoral dissertation, the candidate must pass a final oral examination (the dissertation defense) to earn the Ph.D. degree. The dissertation must be accepted by the Ph.D. committee, the head of the graduate program, and the Graduate School.

## **Dual-Title Ph.D. in Communication Arts and Sciences and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies**

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-208 Dual-Title Graduate Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-208-dual-titles/>).

### **Admission Requirements**

Dual-title CAS and WGSS graduate students will first be admitted to CAS in accordance with the requirements stipulated by Graduate Council and the department. After admission to their primary program, students must apply for admission to and meet the admissions requirements of the WGSS dual-title program. Refer to the Admission Requirements section of the WGSS Bulletin (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/womens-gender-sexuality-studies/>) page. They will be admitted to graduate study in the dual-title program by a committee consisting of faculty from WGSS. Doctoral students must be admitted into the dual-title degree program in Women's Gender, and Sexuality Studies prior to taking the qualifying examination in the primary graduate program.

### **Degree Requirements**

To qualify for the dual-title degree, students must satisfy the degree requirements for the Ph.D. degree in CAS. In addition, students must

complete the degree requirements for the dual-title in WGSS, listed on the WGSS Bulletin (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/womens-gender-sexuality-studies/>) page. No more than 6 credits may be double counted towards both the CAS Ph.D. and the WGSS dual-title degree requirements. Within this framework, final course selection is determined by the student and the CAS and WGSS advisers.

### **Qualifying Examination**

Students must meet the Ph.D. qualifying examination requirements specified by the CAS program. During the qualifying examination, the student will also be assessed for qualifying to the dual-title program, and at least one member of the qualifying examination committee must come from the WGSS dual-title program. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs may serve in a combined role. Students in the dual-title Ph.D. program will be required to present to their committee a portfolio of work in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies that includes a statement of the student's interdisciplinary research interests, a program plan, and samples of writing that indicate the student's interest in questions taken up by scholars of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. There will be a single qualifying examination, containing elements of both CAS and WGSS. Dual-title graduate degree students may require an additional semester to fulfill requirements for both areas of study and, therefore, the qualifying examination may be delayed one semester beyond the normal period allowable.

### **Ph.D. Committee Composition**

In addition to the general Graduate Council requirements for Ph.D. committees (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-600/gcac-602-phd-committee-formation/>), at least two members of the Ph.D. committee must also be Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies-affiliated faculty. If the chair is not a member of the WGSS graduate faculty member, the committee member representing WGSS must be appointed co-chair of the committee. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs' Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role.

### **Comprehensive Examination**

The WGSS representative on the student's Ph.D. committee will develop questions for and participate in the evaluation of the comprehensive examination. The faculty member (or members) affiliated with the dual-title Ph.D. program will be responsible for administering a portion of the comprehensive exam that will require the student to demonstrate an understanding of various theoretical and methodological approaches to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and an ability to apply them to issues and problems in the field.

### **Dissertation and Final Oral Examination**

Students in the dual-title program are required to write and orally defend a dissertation on a topic that is approved in advance by their Ph.D. committee and reflects their original research and education in CAS and WGSS. The Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies-related topic of the dissertation or the WGSS component will be approved by the student's Ph.D. committee. Upon completion of the doctoral dissertation, the candidate must pass a final oral examination (the dissertation defense) to earn the Ph.D. degree. The dissertation must be accepted by the Ph.D. committee, the head of the graduate program, and the Graduate School.