## M.A. Comprehensive Exam Statement of Expectations Rhetoric and Writing

The M.A. exam in Rhetoric and Writing envisions the field to include composition theory, history of composition, composition pedagogy, writing across the disciplines, digital composition and new media.

Successful candidates will demonstrate the ability to describe accurately, synthesize, and critique the works on the reading list.

Successful candidates will write coherent essays that respond directly to questions posed, argue a point, place readings in dialogue with one another, and demonstrate a deep understanding of the theoretical, practical, and pedagogical issues within the field of writing studies, broadly conceived.