

MA-PhD Portfolio Requirements

During their third semester in the MA-PhD program, students will work with faculty to develop a portfolio for review. This portfolio should be comprised of the following elements:

1. The portfolio should be 30 - 50 pages in length, containing two or three complete pieces of writing revised from classes taken during the first two semesters of the MA-PhD program. The portfolio must demonstrate scholarly research.
2. The work will also be accompanied by a reflective statement of no more than 1000 words. The statement might include a discussion of how the work in the portfolio connects to larger research interests and/or a potential dissertation project.

The portfolio will be submitted to the Graduate Committee no later than week ten of the third semester. The Graduate Committee will grade the portfolio as follows:

1. Pass: Student will receive MA degree and move on to PhD work.
2. Low Pass: Student will receive MA degree, but not be invited to continue on for the PhD.
3. Fail: Student will be allowed to submit a revised portfolio for reconsideration to obtain the MA degree, but will not be invited to continue on for PhD. Students failing a second time will not receive a degree.

Following the portfolio review process, students will meet with the Graduate Coordinator to receive feedback on their portfolio, including recommendations of professors with whom the student could work during the dissertation project if they are invited to continue on to the PhD.