PhD in Technical Communication and Rhetoric

The Doctor of Philosophy in the Technical Communication and Rhetoric (TRC) is one of five graduate degrees offered by the English Department. The other four degrees are master’s level; TRC is the only doctoral-level degree. The TRC doctoral program defines the field of technical communication and rhetoric broadly, allowing students to engage diverse topics ranging from social justice to critical theories of technology, from rhetorics of community to online pedagogy, and from crisis communication to computer gaming. In particular, our program is known for addressing issues of social justice, community engagement, diversity, and service learning—issues that can be explored with partners from a variety of fields and backgrounds.