Students who entered Fall 2012 will work with their Chair to determine whether to use this list or the previous list. The “old” list will be available on the Rhetoric Program homepage through Summer 2014.

Information about the Preliminary Exam and Portfolio process is available on the program website and in the program’s PhD Handbook.

The core list is below. It is followed by a list of resources where you can find several items on the core list. These resources are also helpful for fleshing out your core reading list, starting research projects and preparing materials for the job market.

Core Reading List
The list below contains 56 works; you are to add 14 sources, resulting in a core reading list of 70 sources. Once approved by your Chair and by your Committee, your core reading list serves as the basis for your core exam.

3. Aspasia. Discussion & selections in Bizzell & Herzberg; Glenn, *Rhetoric Retold*
19. de la Cruz, Sor Juana Ines. Discussion & selections in Bizzell & Herzberg; in Glenn, *Rhetoric Retold*; in Ritchie & Ronald.
31. Isocrates. *Antidosis*; “Against the Sophists.”
44. Perelman, Chaim and Lucie Olbrechts-Tyteca, *The New Rhetoric* or *The Realm of Rhetoric*.

45. Plato. *Gorgias*; *Phaedrus*.


Resources for Rhetoric and Composition

The works below are recommended for your professional library. These sources are helpful for finding some sources in the core reading list. The sources also can be used to enhance your general competency in the field, add items to your core reading list, provide starting points for a range of research topics, and help you in preparing materials for the job market. Some of these books have been published in multiple editions with variations in content.


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*Critical Sourcebook* Series. Published by Bedford/St. Martin’s P.


Landmark Essays Series. Published under the Hermagoras Press imprint of Lawrence Erlbaum.


