

ENGLISH, M.A.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will demonstrate in-depth knowledge of specific authors and works and/or central issues relevant to their fields of emphasis.
- Students will apply professionally relevant theoretical concepts to the analysis of canonical texts and/or central issues specific to their fields of emphasis.
- Students will demonstrate facility in basic research methods and the use of existing scholarship specific to their fields of emphasis.
- Students will develop in-depth knowledge in their field of emphasis, along with competency in at least one other area of literary and rhetorical studies.

Admissions Requirements

Applicants for admission to the M.A., M.F.A., or Ph.D. degree programs in the Department of English must have completed a minimum of 24 semester hours of upper-division undergraduate courses in English or an appropriate related discipline, with grades indicating ability for successful graduate work in the department. Applicants for all degrees must submit all application forms required by The Graduate School, a sample of academic writing, a statement of purpose, and at least two satisfactory letters of recommendation from persons familiar with their academic achievement.

To particularly well-qualified candidates, the Department offers the chance to apply for Direct Admission to the Ph.D. Program. All those applying for direct admission will also be considered for regular admission to the M.A. program.

An applicant who lacks adequate undergraduate course work may have to take up to 12 credit hours of 400-level literature or communication courses (depending on the degree emphasis sought) before the application will be considered.

The application deadline is January 1 for those wishing to be considered for graduate assistantships and fellowships. For all others the deadline is April 15.

Degree Requirements (30 Hours)

English, M.A. with an Emphasis in English and American Literature

The student must select one of the following areas for concentration: English literature before 1660, English literature after 1660, or American literature.

Requirements include the following:

Coursework (12 Hours)

- One course in American Literature
- One course in English Literature before 1660
- One course in English Literature after 1660
- One additional course in the Thesis Area

Five Electives (15 Hours)

Two may be taken outside the department.

Recommended Course		Credits
Course	Title	Credits
ENGL 700	Introduction to Graduate Study of English	3

Thesis (3 Hours)		Credits
Course	Title	Credits
ENGL 799	Thesis Preparation	3
Total Credit Hours		3

Foreign Language
A reading knowledge of one foreign language.

English, M.A. with an Emphasis in Composition and Rhetoric

Requirements include the following:

Coursework (6 Hours)		Credits
Course	Title	Credits
ENGL 790	Survey of Composition Studies	3
ENGL 791	Introduction to Research on Written Composition	3
Total Credit Hours		6

Two Courses from the Following (6 Hours)

Course	Title	Credits
Select two of the following:		
ENGL 690	Special Topics in Composition (see workshop course restrictions)	
ENGL 792	Classical Rhetoric	
ENGL 793	Rhetorical Theory and Practice, Medieval to Modern	
ENGL 794	Modern Rhetorical Theory	
ENGL 795	The Teaching of Business and Technical Writing	
ENGL 890	Studies in Rhetoric and Composition	
Total Credit Hours		6

English and/or American Literature, 700-800 Level (6 Hours)

No more than one workshop course may be counted in the 30 hours of classroom credits; students wishing to emphasize technical writing should consult the graduate director about special conditions.

Electives (9 Hours)

Electives must be approved by the Composition and Rhetoric Committee.

Foreign Language

A reading knowledge of one foreign language.

Thesis (3 Hours)

Course	Title	Credits
ENGL 799	Thesis Preparation	3
Total Credit Hours		3

English, M.A. with an Emphasis in Speech Communication

Requirements include the following:

Coursework (6 Hours)		Credits
Course	Title	Credits
SPCH 700	Introduction to the Advanced Study of Speech Communication & Rhetoric	3

SPCH 701	Pedagogies of Speech Communication & Rhetoric	3
Total Credit Hours		6

Speech Communication (12 Hours)

Four additional courses in speech communication at the 700 or 800-level.

Electives (9 Hours)

Three electives at the 700 or 800-level reflecting the student's particular professional or academic objectives; electives must be approved in advance by the student's advisor.

Thesis (3 Hours)

Students may enroll in additional hours of SPCH 799, but only three hours count toward completion of the degree.

Course	Title	Credits
SPCH 799	Thesis Preparation	3
Total Credit Hours		3