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# Master of Arts in English College of Arts & Sciences

## Special Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting the university admission criteria, applicants must:

1. have completed a bachelor's degree in English or in a very closely related field from a regionally accredited college or university with a 3.0 G.P.A.;
2. have an undergraduate major in English, literature, language, linguistics, or a closely related field;
3. submit scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE); including "500" or higher on the Verbal section and "4" or higher on the Writing Exam portion; students scoring a "3" may be granted probationary status with additional requirements assigned;
4. complete prerequisite course work with a "B" or better in each course; and
5. provide three letters of recommendation, with at least two letters from professors/instructors in the field.

## Required Preparation

Students without the following undergraduate prerequisite course work will be granted conditional admission and be required to complete all prerequisites before full admission to the M.A. in English program: 3 hours in English (or British) Literature I or II, 3 hours in American Literature I or II, three hours in Shakespeare, and 3 hours in literary criticism. Completion of all prerequisites is required in addition to graduate degree requirements noted.

Students must maintain a G.P.A. of 3.0 for the first nine credit-hours to continue enrollment. Only one course in which a student earns less than a "B" may be repeated once.

## Admission to Candidacy

After admission as a degree-seeking student, a student will also apply for candidacy after completing her or his course work. Application for candidacy should be made at the beginning of the term in which the student expects to fulfill the candidacy requirements (successful completion of ENGL-8950 for non-thesis students; after 18 credit hours are earned for thesis students). To qualify for degree candidacy for the thesis option, a student must do the following:

1. complete each course for the M.A. in English with a "B" (3.0) or better;
2. complete a detailed, approved proposal for a master's thesis; and
3. complete thesis proposal form with the signatures of three full time English faculty who have agreed to serve on the student's thesis committee; the primary thesis advisor must be from the tenurestream faculty.

More detailed candidacy information is available through the M.A. in English advisors.

## Degree Requirements Thesis Option

### Required Courses (21 Hours)

ENGL - 7100 Introduction to Graduate Studies (3) \*

ENGL - 7200 Seminar: Studies in Theory (3)

ENGL - 8700 Graduate Research (1-4)

ENGL - 8900 Graduate Thesis (3) \*\*

Select three of the following courses:

ENGL - 7500 College Composition Theory & Practice (3)

ENGL - 8540 Seminar: British Literature (3)

ENGL - 8550 Seminar: American Literature (3)

ENGL - 8560 Seminar: Women's Literature (3)

ENGL - 8570 Seminar: World Literature (3)

\* Must be taken as early as possible in the graduate student's career, preferably within the first two terms.

\*\* ENGL-8900 cannot be attempted until after completing the other core courses and the four elective/selective courses.

### Additional Requirements (12 Hours)

With the advisor's approval, students will select at least four 5000-plus level courses in literature, rhetoric, composition, linguistics, or closely related fields.

(Depending on the student's areas of interest, the electives might include such courses as ENGL - 6580 Read and Rap: Literature for Young Adult Readers, ENGL - 6172 Contemporary Native American Authors.)

**Total - 33 Hours**