

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE, MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.)

The M.A. degree program requires 30 credit hours of graduate work distributed to assure coverage of major historical fields. The student either will take 27 credit hours of coursework, at least 3 credit hours of formal advising, and do a capstone writing project. The department also offers a special M.A. with a Concentration in Composition and Rhetoric; this specialization has the same requirements as the M.A. degree in literature, but balances courses in literature with courses in the theory of composition and rhetoric. A third specialization is designed to be part-time for secondary educators looking to receive an M.A. in English. This specialization has the same requirements as the other programs, but has additional space to take courses in education and pedagogy.

ENGL779	Master's Directed Research (Master's Directed Research)	3
	1 course in pre-1900 literatures of any of the following periods: (1) Beginnings and Medieval; (2) Early Modern; (3) Long 18th Century; (4) Nineteenth Century	3
	1 course in post-1900 literatures of any of the following periods: (1) Modern; (2) Contemporary	3
	3 courses in English electives	9
	Up to 2 courses in Education electives	6
	Successful completion of a Capstone Project	
Total Credits		30

Literature concentration

Course	Title	Credits
ENGL601	Introduction to Graduate Studies	3
ENGL679	Professional and Career Mentoring for Master's Students	3
ENGL779	Master's Directed Research (Master's Directed Research)	3
	At least two courses in literatures of at least two of any of the following periods: (1) Beginnings and Medieval; (2) Early Modern; (3) Long 18th Century; (4) Nineteenth Century	6
	At least two courses in literatures of at least two of the following periods: (1) Modern; (2) Contemporary	6
	Three courses of electives (ENGL 602 is highly recommended)	9
	Successful completion of a Capstone Project	
Total Credits		30

Writing studies and rhetoric concentration

Course	Title	Credits
ENGL601	Introduction to Graduate Studies	3
ENGL679	Professional and Career Mentoring for Master's Students	3
ENGL779	Master's Directed Research (Master's Directed Research)	3
	At least four courses in Language, Writing, and Rhetoric, or in a related field, selected under the guidance of the LWR advisor (at least 6 of these must be fulfilled in the English Department)	12
	At least three courses of electives	9
	Selection of an advisor from the LWR faculty	
	Successful completion of a Capstone Project	
Total Credits		30

Track for English teachers

Course	Title	Credits
ENGL601	Introduction to Graduate Studies	3
ENGL679	Professional and Career Mentoring for Master's Students	3