M.A., M.F.A. Degrees

Minimum Requirements for Degrees: M.A.: 30-36 credits; M.F.A.: 45 credits

The English department offers core courses in writing and literature, and upper-division courses in literature, linguistics, creative writing, technical writing and literary criticism. The department also offers a two-year M.A. degree in literature and a three-year M.F.A. degree in creative writing. Teaching assistantships are available for both programs. The M.A. degree offers advanced study of literature and literary theory, as preparation for teaching or for entering a Ph.D. program. The M.F.A. degree is a terminal degree, culminating in the production of a publication-quality thesis manuscript of poetry, fiction, drama or creative non-fiction.

Graduate Program—M.A. Degree

1. Complete the following admission requirement:
   a. Submit GRE scores.
2. Complete the general university requirements (page 168).
3. Complete the master's degree requirements (page 172).
4. Pass a written comprehensive examination based on a standardized reading list; the examination is to be taken in the student's second year of work. The examination will be held on the Saturday ending the fourth full week of classes in the spring semester.
5. Students may advance to candidacy when their advisory committee deems that they have made satisfactory progress toward completion of their degree.
6. Pass an oral defense of the thesis or non-thesis project.
7. Complete the thesis or non-thesis requirement:

   Thesis
   a. Complete the following:
      ENGL 601—Bibliography, Methods, and Criticism ......................... 3
      ENGL 685—Teaching College Composition (3)*
      or ENGL 600-level elective course (3) ........................................ 3
   b. Complete the following:
      ENGL 699—Thesis ....................................................................... 6
      ENGL electives** ................................................................. 18
c. Complete 3 of the following electives:
      ENGL 603—Studies in British Literature: Old and
      Middle English ................................................................. 3
      ENGL 604—Studies in British Literature: Renaissance and 17th
      Century .................................................................................. 3
      ENGL 605—Studies in British Literature: Restoration and 18th
      Century .................................................................................. 3
      ENGL 607—Studies in British Literature: 19th Century .............. 3
d. Complete 1 of the following electives:
      ENGL 609—Early and Romantic American Literature ............... 3
      ENGL 611—American Realism and Modernism ....................... 3
      ENGL 612—Twentieth Century American Literature ............... 3
e. Complete 1 of the following electives:
      ENGL 608—Studies in British Literature after 1900 ................. 3
      ENGL 614—Studies in Comparative Literature ......................... 3
      ENGL 615—Contemporary Literature ....................................... 3
f. Pass an oral defense of the thesis.
g. Minimum credits required ........................................................ 30

   Non-Thesis
   a. Complete the following:
      Complete required courses and distribution of electives in
      a, c, d and e in the thesis option .............................................. 21
      Complete additional approved ENGL 600-level electives ........... 9
      Complete ENGL 698—Research (maximum) .............................. 6
      Complete a research paper which the advisory committee judges to be
      of publishable quality.
   b. Minimum credits required ..................................................... 36

* Recommended if you are a teaching assistant or planning to teach.
** Minimum of 4 to be determined by student's advisory committee.

Note: Students may apply up to 3 credit hours of independent study toward the English M.A. degree requirements.

Graduate Program—Creative Writing, M.F.A. Degree

1. Complete the following admission requirement:
   a. Submit GRE scores.
2. Complete the general university requirements (page 168).
3. Complete the master's degree requirements (page 172).
4. Complete and pass a written comprehensive examination, based on a standardized reading list; examination to be taken no later than student's fourth semester of work. Examination will be held on the Saturday ending the fourth full week of classes in the spring semester.
5. Students may advance to candidacy when their advisory committee deems that they have made satisfactory progress in both academic and writing areas.
6. Complete the following:
   ENGL 601—Bibliography, Methods, and Criticism ......................... 3
   ENGL 671—Writers' Workshop .................................................. 9
   ENGL 685—Teaching College Composition (3)*
   or ENGL elective course 600-level (3) ........................................ 3
   ENGL 699—Thesis ....................................................................... 6
   ENGL approved electives .......................................................... 6
   Literature seminars** .............................................................. 12
7. Complete 2 of the following:
   ENGL 681—Forms of Poetry ....................................................... 3
   ENGL 682—Forms of Fiction ...................................................... 3
   ENGL 684—Forms of Non-Fiction Prose ...................................... 3
8. Minimum credits required ......................................................... 45

* Recommended if you are a teaching assistant or planning to teach.
** Minimum of 4 to be determined by student's advisory committee.

Note: Students may apply up to 6 credit hours of independent study toward the English M.F.A. degree requirements. Note: The English department requires that a student receive an A or B grade for all 600-level courses that the student wishes to apply toward the master's degree programs.

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