

ENGLISH - M.A.

College of Arts and Sciences

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Description

The Master of Arts degree in English offers students broad learning in English studies while providing concentrated study in one area. The English major comprises the following concentrations:

The **Concentration for Teachers** is for educators interested in advanced study of literature and writing. Coursework focuses on current scholarship and approaches to literature and writing. While not a degree in literary and composition pedagogy, the concentration is designed to encourage the application of current literary and writing research to the work responsibilities of the practicing teacher.

The **Literature and Writing** concentration prepares students for further graduate study in English and related fields, for professional training in such fields as library and information science, and for careers in teaching. The program achieves this goal with distribution requirements, electives and a required focus in either literary traditions, critical theory or rhetoric and composition.

Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university for unconditional admission
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
- Official transcript(s)
- GRE scores (GRE waived for in-service teachers)
- Writing sample (8-15 pages) relevant to the field of study (writing sample waived for Concentration for Teachers)
- Goal statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
 - Minimum 587 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
 - Minimum 94 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
 - Minimum 82 MELAB score
 - Minimum 7.0 IELTS score
 - Minimum 65 PTE score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on

international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to think critically about the literary texts they read and interpret.
2. Demonstrate how to write coherently and clearly about research topics and other topics.
3. Demonstrate an understanding on how disciplines are interconnected.
4. Apply appropriate research methods to objects of study.
5. Demonstrate effective teaching skills and knowledge of appropriate teaching theories, if on appointment.

Program Requirements

Concentration for Teachers

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
ENG 61000	INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH AND PEDAGOGY IN CRITICAL READING	3
ENG 61094	INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH IN THE TEACHING OF COLLEGE WRITING	0-3
Choose from the following (three courses, each from a separate area):		9
Literary Traditions		
Rhetoric and Composition		
Literary Criticism and Theory		
Creative Writing		
Electives ¹		18-21
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		33

- ¹ Elective courses may include 9 credit hours taken outside the Department of English, 6 credit hours of graduate workshops, and 6 credit hours of master's project.

Literature and Writing Concentration

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Concentration Requirements		
ENG 61000	INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH AND PEDAGOGY IN CRITICAL READING	3
ENG 61094	INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH IN THE TEACHING OF COLLEGE WRITING ¹	0-3
Choose one focus from the following:		30
<i>Literary Traditions Focus</i>		
Literary Traditions courses (12)		
Literary Criticism and Theory course (3)		
Electives and/or Thesis (15)		
<i>Theory and Criticism Focus</i>		
Literary Criticism and Theory (12)		
Literary Traditions courses (6)		
Electives and/or Thesis (12)		
<i>Rhetoric and Composition Focus</i>		

ENG 65012	READING AND INTERPRETING RESEARCH ON WRITING
ENG 65044	RESEARCH DESIGN
Literary Traditions courses (6)	
Literary Criticism and Theory course (3)	
Elective (3)	
Choose from the following (12):	
ENG 65022	RHETORICAL THEORY:GREEK AND ROMAN
ENG 65023	RHETORICAL THEORY:18TH, 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES
ENG 65027	ROLE OF COMPOSITION
ENG 65035	LINGUISTICS FOR RHETORICIANS
ENG 65051	LITERACY:FUNCTIONS, PRACTICES AND HISTORY
ENG 65052	WRITING ACTIVITY AS SOCIAL PRACTICE
ENG 65053	WRITING TECHNOLOGIES
Elective (3)	
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	33

- ¹ Students who will serve as graduate assistants are required to take ENG 61094. Students who are not graduate assistants do not have to take the course; however, they must complete an additional 3 credit hours of additional coursework to meet the minimum 33 credit hours to graduate.

Graduation Requirements

Students are required to complete 33 credit hours of graded coursework to earn the M.A. degree.