

ENGLISH - M.A.

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Fully Offered
• Kent Campus

Admission Terms
• Fall
• Spring
• Summer

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.

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

Foreign 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
• Minimum 120 Duolingo English Test 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**

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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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Choose one focus from the following: 30
Literary Traditions Focus
- Literary Traditions courses (12)
- Literary Criticism and Theory course (3)
- Electives and/or Thesis (15)

Theory and Criticism Focus
- Literary Criticism and Theory (12)
- Literary Traditions courses (6)
- Electives and/or Thesis (12)

Rhetoric and Composition Focus

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- Literary Traditions courses (6)
- Literary Criticism and Theory course (3)
- Elective (3)
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<td>ENG 65053</td>
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- 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.