

ENGLISH: LITERATURE OPTION (M.A.)

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Description

Our M.A. program offers you the opportunity to explore the formal, historical, cultural, and theoretical dimensions of diverse forms of the written word.

Requirements

An M.A. candidate must complete 36 credit hours at the 800 or 900 level, including three seminar courses and a fourth seminar in literature or ENGL 998 Master's Paper.

At least six courses must be literature courses offered by the English department (as distinct from courses in critical theory, linguistics, writing, or teaching methods); there are additional distribution requirements. If a student chooses the Master's Paper option, the six-course requirement is reduced to five literature courses.

Each M.A. candidate must also pass ENGL 925 Graduate Study of Literature and one course in literary theory. The literary theory requirement would normally be met by successful completion of ENGL 814 Literary Theory, or ENGL 926 Seminar: Literary Theory.

As a general rule, all courses counting toward the M.A. degree should be taken in the English department, but two courses may be taken in other departments with approval. No more than two literature courses should be taken in a combined 700/800 (split) level course.

M.A. candidates must pass a reading examination in a foreign language or demonstrate that they have passed a fourth-semester college-level language course with a grade of B or better. Students whose native language is not English may be exempt from this requirement.