

ENGLISH: ENGLISH STUDIES OPTION (M.A.)

<https://cola.unh.edu/english/program/ma/english-studies-option>

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

Degree Requirements

M.A. candidates 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). If a student chooses the Master's Paper option, the six-course requirement is reduced to five literature courses.

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.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ENGL 925	Graduate Study of Literature	4
ENGL #814	Critical Skills	4
Select three courses from the following:		12
ENGL 935	Seminar: Studies in American Literature	
ENGL 937	Seminar: Studies in 19th Century American Literature	
ENGL 938	Seminar: Studies in 20th Century American Literature	
ENGL 958	Seminar: Studies in Shakespeare	
ENGL 959	Seminar: Studies in Milton	
ENGL #968	Seminar: Studies in 18th Century Literature	
ENGL #971	Seminar: Studies in the Victorian Period	
ENGL 974	Seminar: Studies in 20th Century British Literature	
ENGL 981	Seminar: Studies in Post-Colonial Literatures in English	
Select three electives (examples)		12
ENGL 810	Teaching Writing	
ENGL 829	Spec Top/Composition Studies	
ENGL 852	History of the English Language	
ENGL 889	Special Topics in English Teaching	
ENGL 912	Historical and Theoretical Studies in Rhetoric	
ENGL 913	Theory and Practice of Composition	
ENGL 914	Special Topics in Composition and Rhetoric	
ENGL 916	History of Composition	
ENGL 918	Research Methods in Composition	
ENGL 910	Practicum in Teaching College Composition ¹	
Concluding Experience		
ENGL 998	Master's Paper ²	4
Total Credits		36

¹ ENGL 910 Practicum in Teaching College Composition is reserved for graduate teaching assistants.

² The alternative to this requirement is a 4 credit 900 level literature seminar in which students, with the consultation of the course

instructor and/or the program advisor, produce a substantial (30 page) paper

Accelerated Master's

This graduate program is approved to be taken on an accelerated basis in articulation with certain undergraduate degree programs.

General Accelerated Master's policy, note that some programs have additional requirements (e.g. higher grade expectations) compared to the policy.

Please see the Graduate School website and contact the department directly for more information.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate expertise in a variety of theoretical approaches, such as gender theory, deconstruction, psychoanalysis, postcolonial theory, intersectionality, and so on.
- Engage in the close reading of complex texts across a range of national traditions.
- Perform literary critical writing and speaking that adheres to the conventions of the field.
- Undertake original research using primary and secondary sources, and responding to existing knowledge in the field.