ENGLISH (MA)

Master of Arts in English
Unit: College of Arts and Sciences
Department: English
Program Website: http://louisville.edu/english/graduate/ma-in-english
Academic Plan Code(s): ENGLMA

Program Information

Mission Statement

The MA in English provides graduate training in literatures written in English, creative writing, and rhetoric and composition.

Goals for the MA are that students will:

1. Gain advanced knowledge of British, American, and other literary traditions, and
2. Write a thesis or culminating project in which they initiate and complete specialized research addressing a significant question in literary studies or rhetoric and composition, or produce a significant body of creative work.

Admission Requirements

MA with Graduate Teaching Assistant application: due January 5th

MA without Graduate Teaching Assistant application:

• Fall Semester: Due July 15th
• Spring Semester: Due December 1
• Summer Semester: Due April 15

All applicants should submit:

1. Online Graduate Application
2. Complete official transcripts of all college level work
3. Two academic letters of recommendation with discursive comments
4. Score report on the Graduate Record Examination General Test (from within the last 5 years)
5. Critical writing sample (~10 pages)
6. International students must also submit official reports of the TOEFL or IELTS examination
7. Creative writing sample (optional and in addition to the critical writing sample)
8. GTA Application (PDF) (January 5th deadline only)

Program Requirements

The Master of Arts in English requires 30 credit hours of academic work at the graduate level. In addition to fulfilling the core requirements, students may take additional work in literary studies, creative writing, or rhetoric and composition. Students may take no more than three 500-level courses. Creative writing courses (including up to six (6) credit hours of thesis guidance) may total no more than 15 credit hours. Students may count one elective outside the Department of English toward their degree upon approval by the director of graduate studies. Student must also demonstrate proficiency in one language other than English. Detailed requirement information can be found in the English Department Graduate Program Guidelines.

Code | Title | Hours
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ENGL 601 | Introduction to English Studies | 3
ENGL 691 | Contemporary Theories of Interpretation | 3
ENGL 545 | Studies in British Literature of the Romantic Period - CUE | 3
or ENGL 544 | Studies in Restoration and Eighteenth-Century British Literature - CUE | 3

Graduate-level English courses beyond those listed may count towards requirements depending on the topics covered. Detailed course descriptions, available on the English Department website, will provide this information and can be discussed during advising with the director of graduate studies.
or ENGL 545 Studies in British Literature of the Romantic Period - CUE
or ENGL 546 Studies in British Literature of the Victorian Period - CUE
or ENGL 642 Eighteenth-Century Fiction
or ENGL 643 Eighteenth-Century Poetry and Prose
or ENGL 644 Romantic Poetry and Prose
or ENGL 651 Nineteenth-Century Fiction
or ENGL 652 Nineteenth-Century British Poetry and Prose
or ENGL 661 Nineteenth-Century American Fiction
or ENGL 662 Nineteenth-Century American Poetry and Prose

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| Minimum Total Hours | 30 |