

# Master of Arts in English with a Literature Concentration

(30-33 hours)\

## Admission requirements

In addition to Graduate Studies requirements, applicants should have 27 hours of undergraduate English with a 3.0 or better and a score of at least 4.0 on the GRE Analytical Writing section. Students seeking Rank II or Rank I certification for Grades 8-12 must possess a secondary school teaching certificate and should include a copy with their application.

## Program Requirements

No more than 12 hours of 400/G graduate courses are allowed.

Six hours of poetry and six hours of fiction are required.

Students seeking Rank II or Rank I certification are required to incorporate pedagogy into their research papers in at least six hours of American and six hours of British literature classes.

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| 1. English 520 Introduction to Graduate Study                            | 3 hours  |
| 2. American literature classes   | 9 hours  |
| 430G 19 <sup>th</sup> Century American Literature                        | 497G Women's Literature (with appropriate topic)     |
| 490G The American Novel  | 504 Studies in American Literature                   |
| 493G American Poetry   | 534 Studies in Genre (with appropriate topic)        |
| 495G Southern Literature   | 596 Seminar in American Writers                      |
|  | 597 Special Topics in English (w/ appropriate topic) |
| 3. British literature classes (3 hours pre-1800 & 3 hours post-1800)     | 9 hours  |
| 457G British Literature since 1900                                       | 488G Victorian Literature                            |
| 468G Early Modern English Literature                                     | 489G The English Novel                               |
| 481G Chaucer   | 514 Studies in British Literature                    |
| 482G Shakespeare   | 524 Studies in World Literature                      |
| 484G British Romanticism   | 534 Studies in Genre (w/ appropriate topic)          |
| 486G The Eighteenth Century  | 586 Seminar in British Writers                       |
| 487G Dante   | 597 Special Topics in English (w/ appropriate topic) |
| 4. Thesis or literature classes  | 6 hours  |
| 5. Non-literature elective   | 3 hours  |
| 6. English elective for those students counting 520 as the research tool | 3 hours  |

## Oral Examination

An oral examination will cover course work, the M.A. Reading List for literature, and the thesis if there is one. Those students seeking Rank II or Rank I certification will also be required to submit a portfolio containing a selection of their students' papers, two of their papers from the American literature or British literature classes, lesson plans, a statement of philosophy of teaching, and an essay on their strengths, weaknesses, and goals as teachers.