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.

1. English 520 Introduction to Graduate Study 3 hours

2. American literature classes 9 hours

   430G 19th Century American Literature
   490G The American Novel
   493G American Poetry
   495G Southern Literature
   497G Women’s Literature (with appropriate topic)
   504 Studies in American Literature
   534 Studies in Genre (with appropriate topic)
   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
   468G Early Modern English Literature
   481G Chaucer
   482G Shakespeare
   484G British Romanticism
   486G The Eighteenth Century
   487G Dante
   488G Victorian Literature
   489G The English Novel
   514 Studies in British Literature
   524 Studies in World Literature
   534 Studies in Genre (w/ appropriate topic)
   586 Seminar in British Writers
   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.