Master of Arts in English with a Rhetoric and Composition Concentration
(30-33 hours)

Admission requirements
In addition to Graduate Studies requirements, applicants must have completed a minimum of four undergraduate English courses beyond general education requirements, at least two being upper-level literature courses. Academically defensible alternatives may be acceptable. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 or better in undergraduate English classes 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 must include a copy with the application for admission.

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

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

1. English 520 Introduction to Graduate Study 3 hours
2. American literature classes 6 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) 6 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. 412G Theory and Practice of Rhetoric 3 hours
5. Writing Classes 6 hours
   - 401G Advanced Composition
   - 410G Comp Theory & Writing Instr.
   - 415G Technology and Writing
   - 510 Graduate Rhetoric and Writing
   - 597 Summer Writing Project (6 hours)

6. Thesis or 6 hours writing classes from #5 or #7 6 hours
7. Elective for those students counting 520 as the research tool 3 hours
   Students may meet the research tool requirement by demonstrating reading proficiency in a foreign language or by completing English 520 with a grade of B or better. If English 520 is counted as the research tool, an additional 3 hours are required. Students may choose from the following:
   - 402G Editing and Publishing
   - 403G Writing Memoir and Autobiography
   - 404G History of the English Language
   - 407G Linguistic Analysis
   - 408G Psycho/Sociolinguistics
   - 410G Advanced Composition
   - 415G Technology and Writing
   - 501 Graduate Writing Workshop
   - 502 Graduate Directed Writing
   - 598 Advanced Directed Study

Oral Examination
An oral examination will cover course work, the M.A. Reading List for Rhetoric and Composition, 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 in 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.