

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 19 th 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) 6 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. 412G Theory and Practice of Rhetoric 3 hours

5. Writing Classes 6 hours

401G Advanced Composition	510 Graduate Rhetoric and Writing
410G Comp Theory & Writing Instr.	597 Summer Writing Project (6 hours)
415G Technology and Writing	

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	408G Psycho/Sociolinguistics
403G Writing Memoir and Autobiography	501 Graduate Writing Workshop
404G History of the English Language	502 Graduate Directed Writing
407G Linguistic Analysis	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.