

Master of Arts in English with a TESL Concentration

(30-36 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.

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| 1. English 520 Introduction to Graduate Study | 3 hours |
| 2. American literature classes | 6 hours |
| 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 | 6 hours |
| 514 Studies in British Literature | |
| 524 Studies in World Literature | |
| 534 Studies in Genre (with appropriate topic) | |
| 586 Seminar in British Writers | |
| 597 Special Topics in English (w/ appropriate topic) | |
| 4. 407G Linguistics (should be taken in the first semester) | 12 hours |
| 408G Sociolinguistics and Psycholinguistics | |
| 565 Integrated Teaching English as a Second Language | |
| 566 Teaching and Testing English as a Second Language Grammar | |
| 5. 471G TESL Practicum | 3 hours |
| 6. English elective for those students using ENG 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.) | |
| 7. Thesis (optional) | 6 hours |
| (Note: 3 of the thesis hours may count toward #6 above.) | |

Oral Examination

An oral examination will cover course work, the M.A. Reading List for TESL, 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.