

ENGLISH, MASTER OF ARTS

Our M.A. Program in English offers students opportunities to deepen their knowledge of literary studies and writing studies, as well as hone their writing, research, and analytical skills. We offer seminars in literature, composition and rhetoric, creative writing, gender studies, critical ethnic studies, and visual studies. Our seminars are small and discussion-oriented, and students will work closely with professors on their graduate research project or thesis.

The English M.A. is a 36-hour Program. Students must choose between a Graduate Research Project (3 hours) or a Thesis (6 hours) for their capstone project. To be eligible to begin Thesis or GRP work, students must have completed 24 hours of graduate coursework.

Upon completion of the program, students will be prepared to continue their graduate studies in English studies or related disciplines, such as education and law. They will also have acquired professional and intellectual skills that will be applicable in a variety of careers, including public relations, professional writing, editing, and nonprofit work.

Administrative Officers

Dr. James Finley, Graduate Coordinator (English), Classroom Hall 328

Admissions Admission Process

Prerequisites

Students must have 18 semester hours of undergraduate courses in English or a related discipline, including a minimum of 12 advanced (junior-senior level) semester hours. The Department has the right to examine students' prerequisites and to accept equivalent hours or to require additional work if necessary.

Cover Letter

Applicants must submit a cover letter of 1-2 pages. This document should serve as a statement of purpose, articulating connections from their prior educational and professional experiences to their future goals and reasons for applying to the English MA at Texas A&M University-San Antonio.

Writing Sample

Applicants must submit a sample of their analytical writing of 6-10 pages. The sample should demonstrate your ability to think analytically, write clearly, and sustain an argument.

Letters of Recommendation

Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation. At least one of these letters should come from one of your former professors.

Curriculum Vitae

Applicants must submit a *curriculum vitae* that indicates their educational background, professional experiences, awards and honors, and other relevant information. The CV format is preferred to résumé format.

Application

Each applicant must submit their application and required documents by the appropriate semester deadline to GradCAS. The application is available online at <https://gradcas.liaisoncas.org/apply/>. For questions

regarding the application process, contact the Office of Graduate Studies, graduate.studies@tamusa.edu.

Requirements Program Details

The English M.A. is a 36 hour Program. Students are required to take:

- Introduction to Graduate Studies,
- Theory and Practice of Teaching Writing,
- Theory and Methods

Students must also choose between a Graduate Research Project (3 hours) or a Thesis (6 hours) for their capstone project. To be eligible to begin Thesis or GRP work, students must have completed 24 hours of graduate coursework. Students may choose the remainder of their coursework based on their interests. Since the topics courses frequently rotate, students can repeat these topics courses up to three times each.

Curricula

THESIS TRACK

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ENGL 5300	Intro Grad Studies in English	3
ENGL 5302	Thry & Pract of Teach Writing	3
ENGL 5315	Theory and Methods	3
ENGL 5306	Thesis	6
Select 7 of the following courses:		21
ENGL 5301	Topics in Rhetoric and Comp	
ENGL 5310	Topics in Linguistics	
ENGL 5320	Topics in British Literature	
ENGL 5330	Gender Studies	
ENGL 5340	Major Authors	
ENGL 5350	Studies in Multi-Ethnic Lit	
ENGL 5360	Topics in American Literature	
ENGL 5365	Teaching Literature	
ENGL 5370	Spec Topic in Literature	
ENGL 5375	Cultural Studies	
ENGL 5380	Visual Studies	
ENGL 5304	GR Portfolio-Prof Archv/Huma	
Total Credits		36

Non-Thesis Track

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
		12
ENGL 5300	Intro Grad Studies in English	
ENGL 5302	Thry & Pract of Teach Writing	
ENGL 5315	Theory and Methods	
ENGL 5305	Graduate Research Project	
Select 8 of the following courses:		24
ENGL 5301	Topics in Rhetoric and Comp	
ENGL 5310	Topics in Linguistics	
ENGL 5320	Topics in British Literature	
ENGL 5330	Gender Studies	
ENGL 5340	Major Authors	
ENGL 5350	Studies in Multi-Ethnic Lit	

ENGL 5360	Topics in American Literature	
ENGL 5365	Teaching Literature	
ENGL 5370	Spec Topic in Literature	
ENGL 5375	Cultural Studies	
ENGL 5380	Visual Studies	
ENGL 5304	GR Portfolio-Prof Archv/Huma	
Total Credits		36

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