**ENGLISH, MA**

*for the degree of Master of Arts in English*

A full-time student can complete this program in two academic years. Students must choose to complete a specialization in Literature or Writing Studies.

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<td>Virtually every student will teach rhetoric classes, and is required to enroll in a teaching proseminar (ENGL 593).</td>
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<td>Course work selected from list below in consultation with advisor</td>
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<td>Language Requirement: Students must demonstrate a reading knowledge of at least one foreign language.</td>
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**Total Hours**

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### Other Requirements

1. Other requirements may overlap

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<td>At least two semesters or the equivalent in residence</td>
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<td>Minimum Hours Overall Required Within the Unit:</td>
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### Course work listing for M.A. requirements for the Literature Specialization:

Eight semester-long courses in British and American Literature and Critical Theory.

Courses (worth four hours of credit each) must be taken in six of the following nine areas:

- Medieval British Literature (beginning to 1485)
- Renaissance British Literature (1485-1660)
- Restoration/Eighteenth-Century British Literature (1660-1800)
- Nineteenth-Century British Literature (1800-1900)
- Twentieth-Century British Literature (1900-2000)
- Early American Literature (beginning to Civil War)
- Later American Literature (Civil War to present)
- Anglophone Literature (other than British and American)
- Critical Theory

Candidates may substitute another area (such as film) for one on the above list with the permission of the Director of English Graduate Studies. However, all students must take at least one course in a period before 1660, and one course in either Early or Later American Literature.

At least four of the eight courses must be in 500-level graduate seminars (limited to 14-18 students). The others may (but need not) be in 400-level courses (limited to 36 students) in which graduate students complete work beyond that expected of undergraduates.

In their first year of teaching, students are required to complete a Professional Seminar in the teaching of composition or business and technical writing for four hours of credit. (ENGL 593)

The Foreign Language Requirement may be satisfied by demonstrating a reading knowledge of an appropriate foreign language in one of the following three ways:

1. By completing the equivalent of three full years of undergraduate work
2. By passing a proficiency exam administered by a UIUC foreign language department
3. By passing a non-credit 501 language course with a grade of B or better

*Information listed in this catalog is current as of 04/2022*
Course work listing for M.A. requirements for the Writing Specialization:
Eight semester-long courses in Writing Studies, Literature, and Theory.

Courses (worth four hours each) must be taken as follows:

At least 16 of the 32 required hours must be in 500-level courses. Eight of the 16 hours must be ENGL 505 and 1 course from the following list: ENGL 582, ENGL 583, ENGL 584. In addition, students must take two courses in Literature or Theory and four courses approved by the Writing Studies advisor.

At least four of the eight courses must be 500-level graduate seminars (limited to 14-18 students). The others may (but need not) be 400-level courses (limited to 36 students) in which graduate students complete work in addition to that expected of undergraduates.

In their first year of teaching, students are required to complete a Professional Seminar (ENGL 593) in the teaching of composition or the teaching of business and technical writing for four hours of credit.

The Foreign Language Requirement may be satisfied by demonstrating a reading knowledge of an appropriate foreign language in one of the following three ways:

1. By completing the equivalent of three full years of undergraduate work
2. By passing a proficiency exam administered by a University of Illinois foreign language department
3. By passing a non-credit 501 language course with a grade of B or better.