

# ENGLISH (M.A.)

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Degree: Master of Arts

Major: English

Total Hours: 36

*The Department reserves the right to waive these requirements under special circumstances.*

The degree of **Master of Arts in English** offers a **thesis** option and a non-thesis option.

The **thesis** option requires the completion of 30 semester hours of graduate work: 24 in English (or 18 with an approved 6 graduate hours outside of the department) and six in the thesis. Students may write a creative or critical thesis or complete an approved written academic project and students must orally defend their theses.

In the **non-thesis** option, students substitute 12 semester hours of coursework for the thesis, resulting in 36 hours of coursework (with the possibility of 6 graduate hours outside of the department). Students must orally defend their coursework.

## For Both Options:

- a. Students must take ENGL 5335 Introduction to the Profession, or have taken ENGL 4335 Intro to the Profession as an undergraduate.
- b. Students should take at least 12 hours in one concentration offered within the department: literature, writing, rhetoric, or pedagogy.
- c. With written justification and approval from the department chair, students may take up to 6 hours outside of the department, with the exception of the alternative certification option.
- d. With the approval of the chair and a graduate faculty member's endorsement and sponsorship, a student may pursue up to 6 hours of coursework in independent writing, research projects, or internships intended for potential publication or vocational use.
- e. Students who have completed the 12-hour language requirement for the BA (four semesters of a modern language other than English) or who are able to exhibit a reading knowledge of a language by examination may take the thesis option or the non-thesis option in any concentration.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Thesis Option</b>		
ENGL 5335	Introduction to the Profession	3
5000-level ENGL in a concentration area		12
5000-level ENGL electives		9
ENGL 5390	Thesis	3
ENGL 5391	Thesis	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Non-Thesis Option</b>		
ENGL 5335	Introduction to the Profession	3
5000-level ENGL in a concentration area		12
5000-level ENGL electives		21
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>