Twin Cities Campus

English M.A.

English Language & Literature

College of Liberal Arts

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2017
- Length of program in credits: 30
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Arts

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

Over the past 20 years, the field of English studies has changed dramatically from a discipline concerned with studying the literary works produced by English speakers in Britain and the United States to encompass writings in English from around the globe. The concerns of literary scholars have broadened to include not only textual analyses but also cultural, social, political, and economic contexts. The field of literature itself now encompasses not only the traditional genres of poetry, prose (fiction and belles-lettres), and drama, but also extra-literary discourses: popular culture, film, television, legal documents, conduct books, and manifestos. The Department of English has been in the forefront of interdisciplinary projects, thanks to the efforts of a faculty committed to research in American studies, medieval studies, feminist studies, film studies, and cultural studies. At the same time, the department maintains the core concerns of the disciplinethe traditional study of the literatures and languages in Englishas well as develops writers for the present and future through the master of fine arts in creative writing degree. The department is engaged in two simultaneous projects: to preserve the core curriculum and to re-imagine its future shape.

The department offers a master of arts in English language and literature. The M.A. offers training in the areas of literary history, literary theory and interpretation, language, linguistics, rhetoric, and composition. Students in the M.A. can develop specific concentrations through consultation with the director of graduate studies.

Course requirements for the M.A. program are broadly defined, allowing the student to shape a personal program of study. The English program encourages and supports interdisciplinary work.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.50.

Other requirements to be completed before admission:
A minimum of four courses in English, three of which must be at the upper-division level, is required for degree program admission. The courses should be widely distributed.

Special Application Requirements:
Required admission materials include three letters of recommendation; scores from the General Test of the GRE; a short essay explaining scholarly, professional, and personal goals and reason(s) for choosing the University of Minnesota; and a writing sample, such as a course paper. Candidates for all degrees are admitted fall semester only; all materials must be received by December 15th.

Applicants must submit their test score(s) from the following:

- GRE
  - General Test - Verbal Reasoning: 164

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL

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- Internet Based - Total Score: 105
- Paper Based - Total Score: 620

• IELTS
- Total Score: 7.5

• MELAB
- Final score: 88

Key to test abbreviations(GRE, TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Plan B: Plan B requires 21 major credits and 6 credits outside the major.The final exam is oral. A capstone project is required.
Capstone Project: The Plan B project is made up of three Plan B papers. Each is a tightly argued essay of about 5,000 words, usually a reworking of a paper done originally for a course.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

Language Requirement: A reading knowledge of one language.

A minimum GPA of 3.00 is required for students to remain in good standing.

Required Courses
ENGL 5001 - Ph.D. Colloquium: Introduction to Literary Theory and Literary Studies in the Modern University (3.0 cr)

Major Electives
Emphases are chosen in consultation with the student's advisor and the Director of Graduate Studies.
Take 21 or more credit(s) from the following:
Emphasis One
Take 9 - 12 credit(s) from the following:
•ENGL 5xxx
•ENGL 8xxx
•**Emphasis Two**
Take 9 - 12 credit(s) from the following:
•ENGL 5xxx
•ENGL 8xxx

Outside the Major -- Related Fields
Take 6 or more credits outside the program, in consultation with the Director of Graduate Studies.

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