**Master of Arts – Literature Track**

**Admission Requirements**

In addition to the graduate application and official transcripts, applicants must submit a statement of purpose. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

**Thesis Option**

A minimum of 33 credits is required (27 credits of coursework and 6 credits of thesis). Of the 27 credits of coursework, 18 must be at the 600 level and 12 must be in literature or literary theory.

Graduation Requirement: Candidates for graduation must see the Department of English Graduate Coordinator to complete the departmental Graduate Student Survey.

**Nonthesis Option**

A minimum of 36 credits is required, of which 24 must be at the 600 level and 24 must be in literature or literary theory.

**Required Courses for both Options**

- 3300:506 Chaucer*
- 3300:615 Shakespearean Drama*
- 3300:665 Literary Criticism
- 3300:570 History of English Language*
  - or
- 3300:670 Modern Linguistics†

At least one course in four of the following five categories is required:

**British**

- Up to 1660
- 1660-1900
- 1900-present

**American**

- Up to 1865
- 1865-present

* Unless the student has passed a comparable course at the undergraduate level with a grade of "B" or better.

Graduation Requirement: Candidates for graduation must see the Department of English Graduate Coordinator to complete the departmental Graduate Student Survey.

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**Master of Arts – Composition Track**

The Composition Track is intended for students interested in teaching English in secondary schools, two-year colleges, and four-year colleges. The degree is also appropriate for those planning to enter a doctoral program in composition and rhetoric. The program does not lead to state certification for teaching; students should consult the Department of Curricular and Instructional Studies for requirements for state certification to teach in the public schools.

**Admission Requirements**

In addition to the graduate application and official transcripts, applicants must submit a statement of purpose. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

**Thesis Option**

A minimum of 33 credits is required (27 credits of coursework and 6 hours of thesis). Of the 27 credits of coursework, 18 must be in composition studies (including courses in composition, rhetoric, and linguistics). Of the 27 credits of coursework, 15 must be at the 600 level.

Graduation Requirement: Candidates for graduation must see the Department of English Graduate Coordinator to complete the departmental Graduate Student Survey.

**Nonthesis Option**

A minimum of 36 credits is required, only 6 of which may be individual reading. At least 24 credits are required in composition studies (including courses in composition, rhetoric, and linguistics). Of the 36 credits of coursework, 21 must be at the 600 level.

**Required courses for both options**

- 3300:650 The New Rhetorics
- 3300:673 Theories of Composition
- 3300:674 Research Methodologies in Composition

**Students must also choose one of the following two courses**

- 3300:578 Grammatical Structures of Modern English
- 3300:670 Modern Linguistics

**And one of the following three courses**

- 3300:579 Management Reports
- 3300:625 Autobiographical Writing
- 3300:679 Scholarly Writing

**Optional courses**

- 3300:660 Cultural Studies: Theory and Practice
- 3300:689 Seminar in English
- 3300:689 Seminar in English

Graduation Requirement: Candidates for graduation must see the Department of English Graduate Coordinator to complete the departmental Graduate Student Survey.