

# ENGLISH, M.A.

The M.A. in English requires 30 credit hours and is designed for those planning to pursue a doctorate; to teach in community colleges, technical institutes, or some undergraduate colleges; and to work in non-academic settings. Three plans of study beyond the core requirements are offered:

- Thesis Plan
- Teaching Composition Plan
- Plan of Study for Careers in the Humanities

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see <https://grs.uncg.edu/programs/>.

In addition to the application materials required by the Graduate School, applicants must submit a 1-2 page statement of purpose, a writing sample (less than 30 pages), and a current cv or resume.

## Degree Program Requirements

**Required:** 30 credit hours

No more than three courses at the 500-level may be submitted for the degree. All other work must be at the 600-level or above.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Core Requirements (21 credits) *</b>		
<i>Required Core Course (3 hours)</i>		
ENG 601	English Studies: Content, Methods, and Bibliography	3
<i>Required Curricular Areas (9 credits) **</i>		
ENG 702	Theories, Methods, or Pedagogy: Selected Topics	3
ENG 703	Cultural and Historical Change: Selected Topics	3
ENG 707	Alternative Paradigms and Emerging Fields: Selected Topics	3
<i>Additional Courses (9 credits) **</i>		
Select three additional courses (9 credits)		9
<b>Alternative Plans of Study (9 credits)</b>		
Select one plan (9 credits) from the following:		9
Thesis Plan		
Teaching Composition Plan		
Plan of Study for Careers in the Humanities		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

\* Of the 21 credit hours in the core requirements for the M.A., 15 credits must be English graduate seminars taken in the Fall and Spring semesters.

\*\* Of the 18 credits in the Required Curricular Areas and Additional Courses, at least one course (3 credits) must have a pre-1900 historical breadth marker and at least one of the courses (3 credits) must have a post-1900 historical breadth marker.

## Alternative Plans of Study

### Thesis Plan

A total of 30 credits is required for the degree; the 21-credit core requirements plus the following 9 credits:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Select one (3 credits) elective course		3
ENG 699	Thesis	6

### Teaching Composition Plan

A total of 30 credits is required for the degree; the 21-credit core requirements plus the following 9 credits:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Select one elective course (3 credits) in rhetoric, composition, language, or pedagogy <sup>1</sup>		3
ENG 680	Teaching Internships in English <sup>2</sup>	3
ENG 747	Teaching College Writing <sup>3</sup>	3

<sup>1</sup> As approved by the Graduate Program Director.

<sup>2</sup> Capstone Experience.

<sup>3</sup> After completing 12 credits of course work.

### Plan of Study for Careers in the Humanities

A total of 30 credits is required for the degree; the 21-credit core requirements plus 9 credits from the following:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Select 3-6 credits of elective courses		3-6
ENG 622	Internship in English *	3-6

\* Capstone Experience. ENG 622 with approval in advance from the Graduate Program Director.

## Accelerated B.A. to M.A. in English

The Accelerated B.A. to M.A. in English requires 30 credit hours and is designed for those planning to pursue a doctorate; to teach in community colleges, technical institutes, or some undergraduate colleges; and to work in non-academic settings. Three plans of study beyond the core requirements are offered:

1. Thesis Plan
2. Teaching Composition Plan
3. Careers in the Humanities Plan

## Application and Admission

Qualified UNC Greensboro undergraduate students may apply for admission to the Accelerated Master's Program (AMP) in English. A cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.5 based on at least 30 credits earned at UNC Greensboro is required. Applicants must have completed at least 60 credits and may not apply for admission to the AMP before the first semester of the junior year.

### English has the following additional requirements for AMP applicants:

At least 15 credits of undergraduate English courses at the 200 level or above, with an earned 3.5 GPA in these courses.

Standard application requirements for the Master of Arts (M.A.) degree program, excluding GRE scores (i.e., undergraduate transcript(s), three

letters of recommendation, statement of purpose, writing sample, and resume or cv).

AMP applicants must complete the Accelerated Master's Program information along with their application for admission to the English M.A. degree program. Students admitted to the AMP program may apply a maximum of 12 credits of graduate-level course work toward completion of both the undergraduate and graduate degrees, provided that they earn a grade of B (3.0) or better in each graduate course and fulfill graduate-level requirements.

## Courses

Up to, but not more than, 12 credits of graduate courses may be double-counted. For a course to apply toward both degrees, the student must earn a grade of B (3.0) or better in the course and fulfill graduate-level requirements.

The M.A. degree requires 30 credit hours of graduate-level course work. If the maximum of 12 credits is double-counted toward both the undergraduate and graduate degrees, the student must complete a minimum of 18 credits of further graduate-level course work to complete the M.A. degree. No more than 9 credits at the 500 level may be counted toward the M.A. degree. Please see the University Catalog for a full description of the M.A. degree requirements.

The following courses have been identified as those that may be counted toward the B.A. and M.A. degrees. These courses have been chosen because they are well suited to AMP students and because they are offered frequently enough to provide students substantial opportunity to enroll in them. All courses that lead to the completion of the M.A. degree must be approved by the Graduate Program Director.

The following courses may be counted toward both the bachelor and master's degrees:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ENG 549	The Critical Canon and Contemporary Issues	3
ENG 601	English Studies: Content, Methods, and Bibliography	3
ENG 642	Topics in Pre-1800 Literature *	3
ENG 664	Topics in Post-1800 Literature *	3

\* May be repeated twice for credit when topic or instructor varies.

Please consult with an advisor to determine how the courses taken at the graduate level will meet requirements in the bachelor's degree program. All degree requirements for the M.A. in English will remain the same.

## M.A. Doctoral Track

Individuals intending to continue on to doctoral studies in English at UNC Greensboro may apply to the M.A. Doctoral Track, which offers exceptionally well-qualified applicants the opportunity to gain admission to the master's and doctoral programs simultaneously. This program is designed for students who would like to obtain their M.A. and then proceed directly to the Ph.D. program. Students accepted into the Doctoral Track must fulfill all requirements for the M.A. and the Ph.D. and will earn both degrees. Students not accepted into the M.A. Doctoral Track may still be accepted into the M.A. only.

M.A. to Ph.D. admissions are limited; such an admission represents a potentially long-term commitment by the English Department and is

based on the applicant's unusual promise and exceptional record. Once admitted to this program, students will complete the requirements of the M.A. Thesis Plan (30 credit hours) as well as complete an oral defense of the thesis paper/s. In order to continue into doctoral work, students must complete the M.A. Thesis Plan in full good standing and pass the oral defense. After completing these requirements for the M.A., students must complete at least 18 additional credits of course work for the Ph.D. Students wishing to take ENG 780 Independent Doctoral Study for preliminary exams may do so only after completing the 18 additional credits of course work for the Ph.D. With 15-21 credits required for the dissertation, the doctoral degree can be completed in 33-39 credits. Total credits for the doctoral track, M.A and Ph.D., ranges from 63-69 credits.