

# DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, FOREIGN LANGUAGES, AND CULTURAL STUDIES

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## Degree Programs Available Through the Department of English, Foreign Languages, and Cultural Studies

Bachelor of Arts program in: English, with concentrations in creative writing, film studies, folklife-southern culture, literature, and professional writing

Master of Arts program in: English, with concentrations in literature, folklife/southern culture, generalist, teaching English to speakers of other languages, and writing and linguistics

### English

**English Major Requirements:** (60 semester hours) A student majoring in English will successfully complete 60 semester hours, within the 120 semester hour English curriculum, which include a 9 semester hour English core, 12 semester hours of foreign language coursework, and a 39 semester hour concentration. **A minimum grade of “C” is required in all English courses.**

**Core:** (9 semester hours) English 2070, 4800, 4810.

**Foreign Language:** (12 semester hours) All twelve semester hours must be in the same foreign language – either French or Spanish 1010, 1020, 2010, and 2020.

**Concentration:** (39 semester hours as defined below).

**Available Concentrations:** (39 semester hours each)

**Creative Writing (221E):** English 2120, 3050, 3080, 3180, and 4080; six semester hours from English 4060, 4070, or 4090; six semester hours from English 3800, 3910, 3920, 3930, 4230, 4440, 4670, or 4970; and twelve semester hours of advanced ENGL courses.

**Literature (221A):** English 3100, 3150, 3160, and 3170; English 4420; and three hours from English 3800, 3910, 3920, 4230, 4873, or 4970; six hours from English 3400, 4130, 4140, 4170, 4190, 4200, 4210, 4250, 4260, 4350, 4430, or 4570; six hours from English 3800, 4240, 4310, 4330, 4360, 4400, 4450, 4490, 4590, 4650, 4690, 4750; and nine semester hours of advanced English courses.

**Professional Writing (221B):** English 2510, 2610, 3190, 3210, 3230, and 3610; English 3200 or 4110; English 4040 or 4790; 6 hours chosen from English 4620, 4630, 4640, or 4680; and nine semester hours of advanced ENGL courses (courses numbered 3000 or 4000).

**Folklife-Southern Culture (221C):** English 4670, 4650; eighteen hours in literature of the American South and Folklore from English 4240, 4320, 4340, 4690, 4750-01, 4750-02, 4770, 4790, 4870, 4873, or 4880; and fifteen hours of advanced English courses.

**Film Studies (221D):** English 3500, 3510, 3520, 3610, and 4340; fifteen hours in film and film studies from English 3530, 3540, 3620, 4710, 4750-03, 4870, 4970, or 4980; and nine hours of advanced English courses.

**English Minor Requirements:** (24 semester hours) English 1010, 1020, six hours of English at the sophomore level, and 12 semester hours of advanced English.

**Creative Writing Minor Requirements:** (21 semester hours) English 1020, 2070 or 2110, 2120; six hours chosen from the following: English 3050, 3080, 3180, 3540; six hours of additional upper-level creative writing electives chosen from the following: English 3030, 3050, 3060, 3080, 3180, 3360, 3370, 3540, 3940, 4060, 4070, 4080, 4090, 4370, 4440.

**Gender and Sexuality Studies Minor Requirements:** (18 semester hours) ENGL 2700 or SLSC 2000–01; PSYC 2250; SOWK 4240; ANTH 3050; 6 hours from the following (or as approved by gender and sexuality studies coordinator) ENGL 4970; ENGL 4420; ENGL 4160; HED 1090; HED 4500; SENG 3840–05; SENG 3860–06; SLSC 2000–09.

**Professional French Studies Minor Requirements:** (21 semester hours) Students seeking a minor in Professional French Studies must complete 21 semester hours of French courses. These courses include French 1010, 1020, 2010, 2020, 3060, 3080, and an additional elective in the target language.

**Spanish Minor Requirements:** (21 semester hours) A minor in Spanish can be earned by completing 21 semester hours in Spanish.

### Curriculum for English (221)

FIRST YEAR	SEM. HRS.
Communication <sup>1</sup> .....	3
English 1010, 1020.....	6
Foreign language <sup>2</sup> .....	6
History <sup>1</sup> .....	3
Mathematics <sup>1</sup> .....	6
Natural Sciences <sup>1</sup> .....	6
University Studies 1000.....	1
	<u>31</u>
SECOND YEAR	SEM. HRS.
Electives <sup>3</sup> .....	3
English 2070.....	3
English concentration.....	6
Fine Arts 1040.....	3
Foreign language <sup>2</sup> .....	6
Natural Sciences <sup>1</sup> .....	3
Social/behavioral sciences <sup>1</sup> .....	6
	<u>30</u>
THIRD YEAR	SEM. HRS.
Electives <sup>3</sup> .....	9
English concentration.....	21
	<u>30</u>

FOURTH YEAR	SEM. HRS.
Electives <sup>3</sup> .....	11
English 4800, 4810.....	6
English concentration.....	12
	29
Total Semester Hours for Degree:.....	120

Footnotes

- 1 Refer to University core requirements.
- 2 All twelve semester hours must be in the same foreign language—1010, 1020, 2010, and 2020.
- 3 Electives may be chosen so as to complete a minor as defined by the dept concerned.

## Graduate Program

### Master of Arts Program in: English (529)

#### Admission Requirements for the M.A. program in English

Successful applicants to the MA program in English will meet the following criteria, in addition to the admission criteria established by the Graduate School:

- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher; and
  - a minimum score of 3.5 on the analytical writing section of the GRE or 150 on the verbal section of the GRE.
- and
- a writing sample of not more than 15 pages demonstrating facility in analysis, argument, research, and coherence;
  - a statement of purpose of about 500 words describing career goals and/or rationale for pursuing graduate study in English. This statement should demonstrate a substantial commitment to graduate study.
  - two letters of recommendation from people who have supervised the applicant in an academic or similar setting.

The M.A. program in English allows for conditional admission only under the following circumstances:

- Undergraduate GPA of at least 2.5; and
- a minimum score of 3.5 on the analytical writing section of the GRE or 150 on the verbal section of the GRE.

and

- a writing sample of not more than 15 pages demonstrating facility in analysis, argument, research, and coherence;
- a statement of purpose of about 500 words describing career goals and/or rationale for pursuing graduate study in English. This statement should demonstrate a substantial commitment to graduate study.
- two letters of recommendation from people who have supervised the applicant in an academic or similar setting.

At the end of the first semester in the M.A. in English program, conditional status students are required to apply to our graduate faculty to request full graduate admission status.

#### International applicants

The Graduate School requires TOEFL scores for international applicants; the Department of English, Foreign Languages, and Cultural Studies will consider an IELTS score of 6.0 in lieu of the TOEFL.

#### Areas of Study

Students will select one of the following concentrations:

1. **Writing and Linguistics (529A):** Students in the Writing and Linguistics concentration must complete:
  - ENGL 5800; 5280; 15 hours of linguistics, rhetoric, composition, or writing courses to be selected from the following: 5030, 5040, 5050, 5060, 5090, 5220, 5230, 5240, 5260, 5270, 5290, 5540, 5550, 5920, 6090, 6210, 6540, 6560, 6580, 6590, 6600, 6610, 6620, 6640, 6650, 6880, 6890; and 3 additional hours of any graduate level ENGL course.

Students may earn the **Graduate Certificate in Writing for Business, Industry, and Technology** by completing a total of 18 hours from the following requirements: ENGL 5220; 5230; and 12 additional hours of writing courses to be selected from the following: 5060, 5280, 6540, 6560, 6880, 6890.

2. **Literature (529B):** Students in the Literature concentration must complete:

- ENGL 5800, 5280 (if on assistantship); one 3-hour seminar in a major literary figure. Options for this requirement include, but are not limited to:
  - 6100: Chaucer
  - 6110: Shakespeare
  - 6120: Milton
  - 6200: Major Authors Seminar

*Credit from a previous undergraduate course does not fulfill this requirement.*

- at least 15 hours in literature or related courses from the following: ENGL 6590, 6580, 6373, 6310, 6290, 6230, 6210, 6200, 6120 (subtitles:01, 02, 03, 04), 6110 (subtitles: 01, 02, 03, 04), 6100, 6030, 6010, 6300, 5710, 5590, 5570, 5560, 5500, 5450 (subtitles 01-06), 5400 (subtitles 01-05) 5350 (subtitles 01-04), 5300 (subtitles 01-04), 5250 (subtitles 01-03), 5090, 5030, 5020.
3. **Folklife/Southern Culture (529C):** Students in the Folklife/Southern Culture concentration are required to complete:
    - ENGL 5800, 5280 (if on assistantship. If student elects not to enroll in this course, s/he must select an appropriate course with advisor.), 6310 or 5590, 6480 or 5580.
    - at least 12 additional hours in the areas of Folklife and Southern literature, or other English courses with approval by advisor and department head. Students may choose to take their remaining courses in the areas of literature (particularly American literature), folklore, grant writing or linguistics. Here is a list of courses which can be used to fulfill the 12 hours: ENGL 6890, 6600, 6590, 6580, 6480, 6470, 6373, 6310, 6290, 6200, 6030, 5900, 5721, 5720, 5710, 5600, 5590, 5580, 5570, 5560, 5450, 5400, 5350, 5320, 5290.
  4. **Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) (529E):** ENGL 5240, 6610, 6640, and two approved elective courses from the approved list selected from ENGL 5000, 5040, 5060, 5280, 5540, 5920, 6540, 6600, 6620, and 6650 (a total of 15 hours, required for the graduate certificate in TESOL), ENGL 5800, and six additional hours of electives for a total of 24 semester hours.
  5. **Generalist (529G):** Students enrolled in the Generalist concentration must take English 5800; six hours from literature courses; six hours of writing or linguistics, and six hours of folklife/southern culture courses. The remaining three hours may come from any course offered in English at the graduate level.

#### Degree Options

Each concentration in the M.A. program in English offers two options, as described below.

#### **Thesis Option:**

Students choosing to write a thesis as the culminating project for their degree will enroll in 6 hours of ENGL 5980: Thesis. A fully approved thesis proposal must be on file in the Department and the Graduate School prior to registration for

thesis hours. Thesis students must successfully defend the thesis prior to graduation. Thesis students complete 24 hours of course work (8 classes) and 6 hours of Thesis, ENGL 5980.

#### **Non-Thesis Option:**

Students choosing to write Papers in Lieu of a thesis as the culminating project for their degree will enroll in an additional 3 hour English elective course and 3 hours of ENGL 6950: Research Problems. All PIL students must submit two research papers of article length (20-25 double-spaced pages). The papers must be approved by the student's major professor and submitted to the Dean of the Graduate School. Non-thesis students complete 27 hours of course work (9 classes), and 3 hours of ENGL 6950: Research Problems.

#### **Internships**

Students may choose to take a 3-hour internship course which will provide practical experience in some aspect of English studies. Interns work at their assigned duties 10 hours each week during a long semester (160 hours total over the course of a semester). Internships are arranged with a supervising professor, who must be a member of the graduate faculty, and must be approved as a part of the student's plan of study prior to enrollment in the course. Only one 3-hour internship course may be applied toward the completion of the degree.

#### **Degree Requirements**

In order to advance to candidacy, students in the MA program in English must fulfill the requirements outlined below:

1. Required Courses: All graduate students must complete ENGL 5800: Bibliography and Literary Research.
2. Required Course for all Teaching Assistants: Any student who accepts a teaching assistantship from the Department of English, Foreign Language and Cultural Studies must complete ENGL 5280: Composition Theory before he or she will be allowed to teach. This course does count as hours toward the degree.
3. Thesis Proposal: Students choosing the thesis option must submit a thesis proposal that has been approved by their thesis committee before they will be permitted to register for thesis hours. A fully signed copy of the proposal must be submitted to the Departmental Director of Graduate Studies before thesis hours may be added to a student's schedule.

4. Thesis or Papers-in-Lieu of Thesis: Each student will determine whether he or she will submit a thesis or two papers-in-lieu of thesis as the final project in their degree program. This decision should be made in consultation with the students' major professor no later than the conclusion of the second semester of graduate study.
5. Defense of Thesis: All students must successfully pass an oral comprehensive defense of their thesis.

#### **Accelerated Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts with a Concentration in Humanities and Social Thought (820B) and Master of Arts in English (529)**

The combined B.A. in Liberal Arts and M.A. in English program offers qualified students of the Louisiana Scholars' College an accelerated curriculum that allows them to earn both a bachelor's and master's degree in five years. Students may apply for formal admission to the program in their junior year. If accepted into the program, students can begin taking graduate courses in their senior year. After completing all the requirements of the program, the student will be awarded both the B.A. and M.A. Complete curriculum and admission requirements are found within the Louisiana Scholars' College chapter.

#### **Accelerated Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts with a Concentration in Classical Studies (820H) and Master of Arts in English (529)**

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