

# M.A. in English and American Literature

The primary objective of the Literature concentration is to develop skill in reading and interpreting literature. The coursework is designed to provide both a comprehensive knowledge of literature in its historical and intellectual contexts and the opportunity to explore competing theories of critical interpretation. The Literature concentration offers the opportunity for students to prepare for teaching in secondary schools and at junior colleges. It also offers the opportunity for students to prepare for admission to PhD programs in British and American Literature.

## Admission Requirements

1. A bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. institution or proof of equivalent education in a foreign institution.
2. Eighteen (18) hours of advanced-level English courses.
3. A writing sample.
4. A statement of purpose.
5. Three letters of recommendation.
6. Optional: a resume or other supporting materials to give a full picture of the applicant's potential.
7. Applicants whose degrees are from non-English speaking institutions are required to demonstrate English proficiency. Please consult the Graduate School (<https://www.utep.edu/graduate/future-students/applicant-timelines.html>) website for required scores.

## Degree Requirements

**\*Special Topics courses:** Can be used as elective credit; when applicable, can be counted towards an area, with advisor's approval:

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 5325	Genre: Theory and Practice	3
ENGL 5390	Directed Studies	3

**\*Other Elective Credits:** Other graduate courses, from within or outside the English Department, can count for electives, with advisor's approval.

**\*ENGL 5391:** Written examination over designated materials will be three (3) hours in length, and the oral examination will be one (1) hour in length.

## Degree Plan

Required Credits: 36

Code	Title	Hours
<b>MA in English &amp; American Literature (All courses require a grade of C or better)</b>		
Core Curriculum:		
Select one course in each from the following areas:		15
Research Methods:		
ENGL 5300	Approach-Methods & Bibliog.	
Theory:		
ENGL 5320	Critical Theory and Practice	
Studies in English Literature:		
ENGL 5301	British Literature to 1485	
ENGL 5302	British Literature 1485-1660	
ENGL 5303	British Literature 1660-1832	
ENGL 5304	British Lit 1832-Present	
Studies in American Literature:		
ENGL 5305	Am. Lit: Exploration to 1800	
ENGL 5306	American Literature 1800-1865	
ENGL 5307	American Literature 1865-1945	
ENGL 5308	American Lit 1945-Present	
Studies in Multi-Cultural Literature:		
ENGL 5321	Literature of the Americas	
ENGL 5322	Literature and Culture	
ENGL 5323	Multi-Cult Lit: Theory & Pract	
ENGL 5324	Multi-Cult Lit: Special Topics	

## Area of Specialization:

Select two additional courses in one of the following areas:	6
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## Studies in English Literature:

ENGL 5301	British Literature to 1485
ENGL 5302	British Literature 1485-1660
ENGL 5303	British Literature 1660-1832
ENGL 5304	British Lit 1832-Present

## Studies in American Literature:

ENGL 5305	Am. Lit: Exploration to 1800
ENGL 5306	American Literature 1800-1865
ENGL 5307	American Literature 1865-1945
ENGL 5308	American Lit 1945-Present

## Studies in Multi-Cultural Literature:

ENGL 5321	Literature of the Americas
ENGL 5322	Literature and Culture
ENGL 5323	Multi-Cult Lit: Theory & Pract
ENGL 5324	Multi-Cult Lit: Special Topics

## Thesis/Exam/Research Option:

Select one of the options	6
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## Other Electives:

Select three additional courses from the following:	9
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ENGL 5300	Approach-Methods & Bibliog.
ENGL 5301	British Literature to 1485
ENGL 5302	British Literature 1485-1660
ENGL 5303	British Literature 1660-1832
ENGL 5304	British Lit 1832-Present
ENGL 5305	Am. Lit: Exploration to 1800
ENGL 5306	American Literature 1800-1865
ENGL 5307	American Literature 1865-1945
ENGL 5308	American Lit 1945-Present
ENGL 5320	Critical Theory and Practice
ENGL 5321	Literature of the Americas
ENGL 5322	Literature and Culture
ENGL 5323	Multi-Cult Lit: Theory & Pract
ENGL 5324	Multi-Cult Lit: Special Topics
ENGL 5325	Genre: Theory and Practice
ENGL 5390	Directed Studies

<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>36</b>
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**Thesis Option**

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 5398 & ENGL 5399	Thesis and Thesis	6

<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>6</b>
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**Examination Option**

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 5391	M.A. Written Examination	3

Select one additional course from the following:	3
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ENGL 5301	British Literature to 1485
ENGL 5302	British Literature 1485-1660
ENGL 5303	British Literature 1660-1832

ENGL 5304	British Lit 1832-Present
ENGL 5305	Am. Lit: Exploration to 1800
ENGL 5306	American Literature 1800-1865
ENGL 5307	American Literature 1865-1945
ENGL 5308	American Lit 1945-Present
ENGL 5321	Literature of the Americas
ENGL 5322	Literature and Culture
ENGL 5323	Multi-Cult Lit: Theory & Pract
ENGL 5324	Multi-Cult Lit: Special Topics

**Total Hours** **6**

### Research Option

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 5392	Master of Arts Research Paper	3
Select one additional course from the following:		3
ENGL 5301	British Literature to 1485	
ENGL 5302	British Literature 1485-1660	
ENGL 5303	British Literature 1660-1832	
ENGL 5304	British Lit 1832-Present	
ENGL 5305	Am. Lit: Exploration to 1800	
ENGL 5306	American Literature 1800-1865	
ENGL 5307	American Literature 1865-1945	
ENGL 5308	American Lit 1945-Present	
ENGL 5321	Literature of the Americas	
ENGL 5322	Literature and Culture	
ENGL 5323	Multi-Cult Lit: Theory & Pract	
ENGL 5324	Multi-Cult Lit: Special Topics	

**Total Hours** **6**