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.
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 from countries where English is not the first language are required to demonstrate English proficiency. Please consult the graduate school 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:

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*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
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Select two additional courses in one of the following areas: 6

**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

**Other Electives:**
Select three additional courses from the following: 9

**Total Hours** 36

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