

M.A. in English-Rhetoric and Writing Studies

The Rhetoric and Writing Studies (ENWR) concentration includes courses in Rhetoric and Writing Studies, as well as an introduction to graduate studies in the field. There is sufficient flexibility through electives to allow students to fashion degree plans suitable to their individual interests. The ENWR concentration offers students the opportunity to prepare for careers as professional/technical writers and community college teachers, as well as for academic study at the doctoral level.

Admission Requirements

1. A bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. institution or proof of equivalent education at a foreign institution.
2. Evidence of adequate preparation for graduate coursework in Rhetoric and Writing Studies.
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.

The admission factors will be reviewed holistically to assess the potential of the applicant. The successful applicant would typically have an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher that demonstrates focus on academics and gives ample evidence of adequate preparation for graduate work in the discipline, an analytical writing sample that illustrates the applicant's ability and creativity, a personal statement that demonstrates maturity and commitment to graduate studies, and letters of recommendation from supporting faculty who can serve as judges of the applicant's competence and determination.

Degree Plan

Required Credits: 30

Code	Title	Hours
MA in English Professional Writing & Rhetoric (All courses require a grade of C or better)		
Required Courses:		
RWS 5309	Intro to Rhetoric & Writing St	3
Internship:		
RWS 5311	Persuasion and Argument	3
Writing Studies:		
Select four courses from the following:		12
RWS 5312	Technical Writing	
RWS 5313	Grant Writing	
RWS 5314	Multimodal Composing	
RWS 5315	Prof Writing & Rhetoric	
RWS 5328	Special Topics in RWS	
Oral Examination:		
Complete defense of thesis or practicum document		
Thesis/Practicum Options:		
Select one of the options		6
Other Electives:		
Select six hours from the following:		6
COMM 5332	Seminar-Contemporary Rhetoric	
COMM 5343	Seminar - Communication Theory	
ENGL 5197	Master of Arts Research Paper	
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 5319	English Historical Linguistics
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 5327	Var Topics-Contemp Literature
ENGL 5339	Intro to Secondary English
ENGL 5340	Literature for Youth
ENGL 5341	Eng Studies in the Borderlands
ENGL 5342	Digital Lit and the Lang Arts
ENGL 5344	Integrated Teaching Methods
ENGL 5345	Writing to Learn
ENGL 5380	Special Topics in English Ed
ENGL 5390	Directed Studies
ENGL 5391	M.A. Written Examination
ENGL 5392	Master of Arts Research Paper
ENGL 5393	Practicum in English Education
ENGL 5394	M.A.T. Written Examination
ENGL 5397	Writing Practicum
ENGL 5398	Thesis
ENGL 5399	Thesis
LING 5301	Principles of Ling Analysis
LING 5310	Pedagogical Issues in Engl Str
LING 5319	English Historical Linguistics
LING 5370	Study in Language
LING 5373	Linguistic Variation
POLS 5364	Seminar-Public Policy Analysis
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RWS 5315	Prof Writing & Rhetoric
RWS 5318	Community Literacy Internship
RWS 5328	Special Topics in RWS
RWS 5346	Composition Theory & Pedagogy

Total Hours **30**

Thesis Option

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

Total Hours **6**

Alternate Option

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ENGL 5397	Writing Practicum	3

Select three hours from the following: **3**

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