

Graduate Certificate in Teaching English

The Graduate Certificate is intended for prospective or current English teachers who plan to teach dual-credit, college-level English courses (i.e., courses that count for both high school and college credit). To obtain the certificate, students will take 18 semester credit hours of graduate English content courses. Credit earned for the certificate can be counted towards one of the three Master's programs in the English Department (English & American Literature, Rhetoric & Writing Studies, or the Master of Arts in Teaching English).

Admission Requirements

1. A bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. institution or proof of equivalent education at a foreign institution.
2. The bachelor's degree must be in English or the applicant must have 12 hours of advanced-level English courses.
3. GPA of 3.0 or above.
4. An analytical writing sample.
5. A statement of purpose.
6. Names of three professional references who may be asked to write letters.

Conditional admittance will be given if the application materials show potential for success but are lacking in one area (such as the GPA). In this case, students will need to take one graduate class in English/Rhetoric & Writing Studies, and receive a B or A in the class before they can be fully admitted into the program.

Degree Requirements

Required Courses

There are no required courses. The student selects courses from the Prescribed Elective Course list below. If a student is interested in the rhetoric sequence, taking RWS 5322 Rhetorical Theory and RWS 5309 is strongly recommended.

Prescribed Elective Courses

The Department of English has three (3) programmatic areas; each offers a graduate degree and courses of graduate study. Ideally, if the student wants broad preparation he/she will select two (2) courses from each area; however, a student has the option of taking one (1) course from each area and focusing the remaining three (3) courses in a single area. For the certificate, students will select 6 courses from the following prescribed elective courses:

Code	Title	Hours
Rhetoric & Writing Studies		
RWS 5309	Intro to Rhetoric & Writing St	3
RWS 5311	Persuasion and Argument	3
RWS 5314	Multimodal Composing	3
RWS 5322	Rhetorical Theory	3
RWS 5328	Special Topics in RWS	3
RWS 5383	Global Rhetorics	3
English & American Literature		
ENGL 5300	Approach-Methods & Bibliog.	3
ENGL 5302	British Literature 1485-1660	3
ENGL 5301	British Literature to 1485	3
ENGL 5303	British Literature 1660-1832	3
ENGL 5304	British Lit 1832-Present	3
ENGL 5305	Am. Lit: Exploration to 1800	3
ENGL 5306	American Literature 1800-1865	3
ENGL 5307	American Literature 1865-1945	3
ENGL 5308	American Lit 1945-Present	3
ENGL 5321	Literature of the Americas	3
ENGL 5322	Literature and Culture	3
ENGL 5323	Multi-Cult Lit: Theory & Pract	3
ENGL 5324	Multi-Cult Lit: Special Topics	3

ENGL 5325	Genre: Theory and Practice	3
English Education		
ENGL 5380	Special Topics in English Ed ((may be repeated when topic varies and is approved for credentialing)	3
Total Hours		18