MA English (Literature) Program Requirements

This list was compiled on August 12, 2020. Students wanting to take a course not on this list should consult the program director regarding their applicability to the program requirements.

Note: At least two courses must be graduate seminars at the 600 level.

- **Core Requirement (3 credit hours):** ENG 501 Approaches to Research: Literature

- **One course in Literary Theory (3 credit hours), examples of courses may include:**
  - ENG 502 Contemporary Critical Theories
  - ENG 503 History of Narrative
  - ENG 504 Cross-Cultural Studies
  - ENG 550 Translation
  - ENG 551 Rhetorical Traditions
  - ENG 552 Composition Studies
  - ENG 554 Rhetorics Race, Class, Gender
  - ENG 556 Theories of Literacy
  - ENG 602 Adv Studies Theory/Criticism
  - ENG 604 Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies
  - ENG 651 Advanced Studies in History and Theories of Rhetoric

- **One course in literature before 1600 (3 credit hours), examples of courses may include:**
  - ENG 530 Old English^
  - ENG 531 Old English Literature^
  - ENG 532 Middle English Dialects
  - ENG 533 Studies in Medieval Literature
  - ENG 534 Studies in Renaissance Literature
  - ENG 560 Genre Studies*
  - ENG 604 Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies*
  - ENG 632 Advanced Studies in Medieval and Renaissance Literature and Culture
  - ENG 635 Advanced Studies in British Literature*

- **One course in literature 1660-1900 (3 credit hours), examples of courses may include:**
  - ENG 535 Studies in 18th- and 19th-Century British Literature
  - ENG 536 Studies in American Literature before 1900
  - ENG 542 Studies in North American Ethnic Literatures*
  - ENG 544 Studies in Colonial and Postcolonial Literature*
  - ENG 560 Genre Studies*
  - ENG 591 Seminar*
- **ENG 604 Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies*  
- **ENG 635 Advanced Studies in British Literature*  
- **ENG 636 Advanced Studies in American Literature*  
- **ENG 642 Advanced Studies in Ethnic, Anglophone, or Post-Colonial Literatures*  

**One course in literature since 1900 (3 credit hours), examples of courses may include:**  
- **ENG 537 Studies in Modern and Contemporary British Literature**  
- **ENG 538 Studies in Modern and Contemporary American Literature**  
- **ENG 539 Studies in Modernist and Postmodernist Literature and Theory**  
- **ENG 542 Studies in North American Ethnic Literatures*  
- **ENG 544 Studies in Colonial and Postcolonial Literature*  
- **ENG 560 Genre Studies*  
- **ENG 604 Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies*  
- **ENG 635 Advanced Studies in British Literature*  
- **ENG 636 Advanced Studies in American Literature*  
- **ENG 639 Advanced Studies in Modernism and Postmodernism**  
- **ENG 642 Advanced Studies in Ethnic, Anglophone, or Post-Colonial Literatures*  
- **ENG 664 Mixed Genres*  

**Electives – may be chosen from the above areas or from other course offerings (12-15 credit hours)**  

**Culminating Experience:**  
- **Thesis Option** (ENG 599 – 6 credits)  
- **Non-thesis Option** (ENG 593 – 3 credits)  

*Topic courses: content of these classes may vary from semester to semester and students should confirm applicability to distribution requirements with the program director.  
^Earning a “B” (3.00) or higher in ENG 530 or ENG 531 also satisfies the Language Requirement.  

ENG 590 Reading and Conference will not ordinarily be used as a portion of the 30 credit hours of the MA English program, especially when it would duplicate study available through regularly scheduled courses.  

MA students can have two 400 level literature courses on their Graduate Plan of Study with the program director’s approval. Coursework in literature should not all be from the same national tradition.