

ENGLISH - MASTER OF ARTS

New Mexico State University offers MA programs in two areas of emphasis; each one requires 33 hours of graduate-level work.

Emphasis: Literature

Students electing this emphasis can choose to work in various areas of literature, criticism and film. Students are required to

- complete 33 hours of coursework while satisfying area requirements (in early and modern literatures, in British and American Literatures, and in critical theory) with advisor-approved courses;
- demonstrate competency in a foreign language;
- deliver a public presentation on their research;
- write a master essay or thesis; and
- complete their program by passing an oral examination.

See advisor for list of courses satisfying theory and distribution requirements.

Prefix	Title	Credits
Required Coursework ¹		
Critical Theory		3

Advisors may approve another Literature course to fulfill this requirement as appropriate, based on subtitle

ENGL 517	Graduate Study in Critical Theory	
ENGL 526	Special Topics in Critical Theory	
ENGL 589	Cultural Studies: Literature and Theory	

Literature 18

Must include both early and late periods, and both British and American Literature. Courses listed below under each category automatically fulfill that requirement. Advisors may approve other Literature courses to fit each requirement based on subtitle.

Early

ENGL 405	Chaucer	
ENGL 408	Shakespeare I	
ENGL 409	Shakespeare II	
ENGL 533	Victorian Literature	

Late

ENGL 542	Modern and Contemporary American Poetry	
ENGL 544	Modern British Fiction	
ENGL 545	Postmodern Fiction	
ENGL 558	Latino/a Literature and Culture	

British

ENGL 505	Graduate Study in Chaucer	
ENGL 508	Graduate Study in Shakespeare I	
ENGL 509	Graduate Study in Shakespeare II	
ENGL 533	Victorian Literature	
ENGL 544	Modern British Fiction	
ENGL 563	Graduate Study in English Literature	

American

ENGL 542	Modern and Contemporary American Poetry	
ENGL 558	Latino/a Literature and Culture	
ENGL 569	Graduate in American Literature	

Literature courses to complete the 18 credits

ENGL 505	Graduate Study in Chaucer	
ENGL 508	Graduate Study in Shakespeare I	
ENGL 509	Graduate Study in Shakespeare II	

ENGL 517	Graduate Study in Critical Theory	
ENGL 521	Graduate Study in a Literary Period or Movement	
ENGL 522	Graduate Study in a Literary Form or Genre	
ENGL 523	Graduate Study of a Major Author	
ENGL 524	Graduate Study in a Major Text	
ENGL 525	Graduate Study in Comparative Literature	
ENGL 526	Special Topics in Critical Theory	
ENGL 527	Graduate Study in Film and Digital Media	
ENGL 533	Victorian Literature	
ENGL 542	Modern and Contemporary American Poetry	
ENGL 544	Modern British Fiction	
ENGL 545	Postmodern Fiction	
ENGL 553	World Literatures	
ENGL 558	Latino/a Literature and Culture	
ENGL 563	Graduate Study in English Literature	
ENGL 567	Documentary Film Theory and Criticism	
ENGL 569	Graduate in American Literature	
ENGL 581	Women's Literature	
ENGL 589	Cultural Studies: Literature and Theory	
Elective courses in English Department		9-12
Master's Thesis or Master Essay		
ENGL 599	Master's Thesis ²	3-6
or ENGL 598	Master's Essay	
Total Credits		33-39

¹ Graduate assistants must take 3 hours of ENGL 571 Composition Pedagogy and Practicum, during their first semester of teaching.

² Students must take 6 credits of ENGL 599 Master's Thesis to complete this requirement.

Emphasis: Rhetoric and Professional Communication

Students electing this emphasis take core courses across a wide range of topics within rhetoric and professional communication and choose from one of four areas of specialization:

- Composition,
- Critical/Cultural Studies,
- Rhetoric and
- Professional and Technical Communication.

Students conclude their program by writing a thesis, composing a portfolio of work completed in the program, or writing a master essay and by passing an oral examination. Students develop individualized plans of study in consultation with an advisor.

Prefix	Title	Credits
Required Coursework		
Proseminar		3
ENGL 510	Proseminar in Rhetoric and Professional Communication	
Methods Course		3
Select one from the following:		3
ENGL 548	Graduate Study in Empirical Research	
ENGL 601	Qualitative Research	
ENGL 604	Digital Research Methods	

Elective Course	3
Advisor-approved elective in English and/or related field	
Internship	3
Note: with advisor approval, student may substitute an elective for the Internship course	
ENGL 597 Internship in Technical and Professional Communication	
Capstone Course	3-6
Select one from the following: ²	
ENGL 585 Advanced Writing Workshop: RPC Capstone	
ENGL 598 Master's Essay	
ENGL 599 Master's Thesis ¹	
Core Courses	12
Select two core courses from area of specialization.	
Select two core courses from any of the other three core areas	
<i>Core Composition Courses</i>	
ENGL 550 Graduate Study in Literacy	
ENGL 564 History and Theory of Composition Studies	
ENGL 571 Composition Pedagogy and Practicum ³	
ENGL 583 Critical Writing Studies	
<i>Core Critical/Cultural Studies Courses</i>	
ENGL 517 Graduate Study in Critical Theory	
ENGL 568 Rhetoric and Cultural Studies	
ENGL 583 Critical Writing Studies	
<i>Core Professional and Technical Communication Courses</i>	
ENGL 502 Critical Conversations in Technical and Professional Communication	
ENGL 543 Multimedia Theory and Production	
ENGL 572 Technical-Professional Communication Pedagogies	
<i>Core Rhetoric Courses</i>	
ENGL 518 History of Rhetoric	
ENGL 519 Graduate Study in Modern Rhetorical Theory	
ENGL 568 Rhetoric and Cultural Studies	
ENGL 590 Master's Seminar in Rhetoric	
Specialized Courses	9
Select three additional courses in area of specialization determined in consultation with an advisor. ⁴	
Total Credits	39-42

¹ Students must take 6 credits of ENGL 599 Master's Thesis to complete this requirement. ENGL 599 Master's Thesis: in lieu of portfolio or master essay.

² Graduate assistants must take 3 hours of ENGL 571 Composition Pedagogy and Practicum, during their first semester of teaching.

³ Students may take either ENGL 570 Graduate Study in Approaches to Composition or ENGL 571 Composition Pedagogy and Practicum as a core course. Taking a second course will count under the area of specialization.

⁴ Specialization may occur in any of the four core areas; students choose appropriate coursework for their area of specialization in consultation with an advisor.

Master's Accelerated Program in English with an Emphasis in Literature

The Master's Accelerated Program is an opportunity for qualified, advanced undergraduate students to begin graduate study while still

enrolled as an undergraduate student. Students accepted into the program will be able to take up to 12 credits that can be applied to a Master's degree in English at New Mexico State University (just over one third of the required credits to obtain a graduate degree in English at NMSU).

Student Qualifications

Potential MAP students must meet the minimum qualifications for the program as outlined in the Graduate School policy concerning MAP programs.

In addition to these qualifications, students must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for application to the MAP program.

- Must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Must apply to the program with sufficient time to take the 12 credit hours that will be applied toward the overall program of study. Students will not be able to retroactively apply credits to MAP program.
- Must participate in the Developing New Scholars Program (DSNP), offered by the Graduate School and Honor's College.
- Consult with the Director of Undergraduate Studies on courses eligible and complete the Graduate School MAP form.
- Meet with their financial aid advisor, if they receive financial aid, as financial aid awards may have to be adjusted based on course registration.
- Completed 60 credits, including at least one (1) 400-level literature class and one (1) of the following courses ENGL 301 Theory and Criticism: Rhetoric and Culture, ENGL 302 Theory and Criticism: Literature and Culture, ENGL 303 Theory and Criticism: Film, Media and Culture, or ENGL 310 Critical Writing.

Applying for the MAP

To apply for the MAP fill out the the English Application to the Master's Accelerated Program and a scholarly writing sample (a course paper that showcases your skills in literary analysis). Send these materials to the Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Tyson Stolte, at tmstolte@nmsu.edu. Applicants will also need to fill out the Graduate School's MAP form.

Approved MAP Courses:

The courses below can count toward the 12 credits toward an MA degree available to MAP students.

Prefix	Title	Credits
ENGL 453	World Literatures	3
ENGL 469	Advanced Study in American Literature	3
ENGL 505	Graduate Study in Chaucer	3
ENGL 508	Graduate Study in Shakespeare I	3
ENGL 509	Graduate Study in Shakespeare II	3
ENGL 533	Victorian Literature	3