Program Description

Degree Awarded: MA English

The MA degree in English offered by the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences is a comprehensive program that delves into the many facets of English: its literatures; its linguistic, social and cultural histories; and its capacities for persuasion, exposition and elucidation.

The program allows students to explore specific subject areas while working across a range of subdisciplines within English such as literary studies, rhetorical studies, composition and linguistics.

With an emphasis on teaching and research, the program includes electives to encourage students to pursue interdisciplinary inquiry and the culminating experience primes graduates for critical and eloquent engagement with the world beyond the university.

Equally suited to prepare candidates for doctoral study or to advance the careers of area educators in the language arts, the degree also prepares graduates to begin careers in one of the many professions that value creativity, critical thinking and highly skilled communication.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** West campus

Degree Requirements

30 credit hours including the required capstone course (ENG 597)

**Required Core Courses (6 credit hours)**
ENG 502 Contemporary Critical Theories (3) or MAS 505 Theories of Change, Culture and Mind (3)  
ENG 582 Pedagogy (3)
Elective or Research Courses (12 credit hours)
ENG 500 Research Methods (3)
ENG or LIN courses (9)

Open Elective or Research Courses (9 credit hours)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
ENG 597 Graduate Capstone Seminar (3)

Additional Curriculum Information
For electives or research, students should see the academic unit for the approved course list from ENG and LIN courses through New College. ENG 500 is a required research course for all students and must be included in the plan of study.

For the open elective or research courses, nine credit hours can be selected from ENG or non-ENG coursework offered by various academic units. The selection of coursework will be in consultation with the student's committee.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program; or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. statement of purpose
4. three letters of recommendation
5. an academic writing sample (preferred) or professional writing sample
6. resume or curriculum vitae (optional)
7. GRE scores (if applicable)
8. proof of English proficiency
Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

The statement of purpose should describe the educational background, scholarly interests, and academic and professional goals of the applicant.

It is preferred that the letters of recommendation are from faculty members who know the applicant's work well (if not available, then from individuals in supervisory or professional roles).

If the applicant does not meet the minimum GPA requirements, the application may be considered if accompanied by an official GRE score.

Application Deadlines

Fall

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Admission Deadlines