Narrative Studies, MA

Do you want to be in a profession that values imagination, critical thinking and skilled communication? Maybe you want to advance your teaching career or ready yourself for doctoral studies? Prepare for those possibilities here, looking at the structural, social, cultural, rhetorical and historical aspects of narrative and storytelling in texts, film and other media.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MA Narrative Studies

The MA in narrative studies is a comprehensive program that explores narrative and storytelling across a range of cultures and historical periods.

With an emphasis on teaching and research, the program includes coursework that encourages students to pursue transdisciplinary inquiry. The degree program primes graduates for critical and eloquent engagement with the world beyond the university.

Equally suited to prepare candidates for further academic studies or to advance the careers of area educators in the language arts, this program also prepares graduates to begin careers in one of the many professions that value creativity, critical thinking and highly skilled communication, including teaching, writing, online publishing and editing.

At a Glance

- **College/School**: [College of Integrative Sciences and Arts](#)
- **Location**: Polytechnic campus

Degree Requirements

30 credit hours including a capstone course (ENG 597)
**Required Core (9 credit hours)**
ENG 503 History of Narrative (3)
ENG 505 Narrative Research Methods (3)
ENG 509 Studies in Narrative Writing (3)

**Electives or Research (18 credit hours)**

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

**Additional Curriculum Information**
Students choose six courses from a restricted list for a total of 18 credit hours. Students should see the academic unit for the approved course list. Other courses (ENG, COM, FMS, HST, or appropriate field) may be utilized for up to six credit hours with approval from the academic unit.

**Admission Requirements**

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

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) or master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university in a related field such as English or any humanities discipline.

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 an applicable master's degree program.

**All applicants are required to submit:**

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. written letter of intent that includes a detailed statement of purpose
4. portfolio of at least three documents
5. three letters of recommendation
6. 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 portfolio must include at least three documents that demonstrate the applicant's ability to write in a variety of genres. Portfolio documents can include both academic and professional writing for a range of audiences and purposes. At least one of the documents must be a sample of academic writing. One of the three documents can be a sample of creative writing. The portfolio should be 15 to 30 total pages in length. The writing samples in the portfolio are evaluated using a rubric that considers several criteria, including intellectual focus, strength of argument and documentation, awareness of audience, organization, clarity, mechanical soundness and overall effectiveness.

The letters of recommendation should be either academic or professional and speak to the background and capabilities of the applicant.

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