

ENGLISH, MASTER OF ARTS (067)

Program Coordinator

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The master's program provides an intensive study of literature and composition through a highly adaptable curriculum that develops advanced skills in literary criticism, rhetorical analysis, communication, and analytical thinking. The program supports career advancement in industry and education pathways or continuing graduate work in an English-focused doctoral program. For licensed K-12 educators, the program can lead to a rank change.

Program Admission

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited university with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- 27 credit hours of undergraduate English with a GPA of 3.0 or better. (Conditional admittance is granted on a case-by-case basis.)
- A 2-page statement of purpose describing the reason(s) for pursuing an M.A. in English at Western Kentucky University and which may also include academic interests, career goals, relevant paid or volunteer experiences, or other relevant information.
- **Optional:** Students who are interested in applying for one of our funded graduate assistantships must download and submit the GA application along with the required application materials. The completed GA application must include a one-page statement addressing interests, skills, or experiences that make them highly qualified for a graduate assistantship position of teaching introductory college writing classes. The link to the GA application form is found on the department's program website: <https://www.wku.edu/english/graduate-degree-program/>.
- Applicants for whom English is their second language must score a minimum of 26 on the TOEFL Speaking and Writing sections for admission and 28 on the Speaking and Writing sections to be considered for the Graduate Assistantship. Equivalent scores on the IELTS of 6 and 7, respectively, are also accepted. Duolingo scores are not accepted.
- Applicants seeking Rank II or Rank I certification must have or be eligible for a secondary school teaching certificate and must include a copy with the application for admission. Applicants whose certificates have expired may be admitted, but they may enroll for only 6 hours before submitting a re-issued teaching certificate. Kentucky applicants will need to contact the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board for reissued certificates. Applicants from out-of-state with expired certificates must complete the requirements for their respective states to renew their certificates.

Graduate Studies Admission

Please refer to the admission section (<http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/admission/>) of this catalog for Graduate Studies admission requirements.

Program Requirements (30 hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
ENG 520	Introduction to Graduate Studies	3

Select two Literature Electives from the following list:

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ENG 430G	19th Century American Literature
ENG 457G	British Literature since 1900
ENG 460G	Literary Theory and Criticism
ENG 468G	Early Modern English Literature
ENG 481G	Chaucer
ENG 482G	Shakespeare
ENG 484G	British Romanticism
ENG 486G	The Eighteenth Century
ENG 487G	Dante's Divine Comedy and its Influences
ENG 488G	Victorian Literature & Culture
ENG 489G	The British Novel
ENG 490G	American Novel
ENG 493G	American Poetry
ENG 495G	Southern Literature
ENG 497G	Women's Literature
ENG 504	Studies in American Literature
ENG 514	Studies in British Literature
ENG 524	Studies in World Literature
ENG 534	Studies in Genre
ENG 586	Seminar in British Writers
ENG 596	Seminar in American Writers

Select two Writing Electives from the following list:

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ENG 401G	Advanced Composition
ENG 402G	Editing and Publishing
ENG 410G	Composition Theory and Practice in Writing Instruction
ENG 412G	Theories of Rhetoric and Persuasive Writing
ENG 415G	Writing and Technology
ENG 506	Introduction to Professional & Technical Writing
ENG 510	Graduate Rhetoric and Writing
ENG 549	Special Topics in Professional & Technical Writing

Electives **15**

Complete 15 hours in any ENG 4@G, 5@, 6@ course, or GWS 630 ¹

Total Hours **30**

¹ All GTAs required to take ENG 510 as one of their electives. Students who wish to write a thesis will only take 9 hours of electives and 6 hours of ENG 599. No more than 3 hours of creative writing courses (ENG 474G, ENG 475G, ENG 403G, and ENG 501) with permission of creative writing faculty member teaching the course.