### MA in English DEGREE PROGRAM

**PLAN 1**

- **Thesis Option**: 33 SCH
- **Non-Thesis Option**: 36 SCH

This plan prepares candidates for teaching lower-level college English courses and Ph.D. admission, simultaneously allowing students to tailor courses to their needs and interests.

**Core Courses**

Choose all four courses.

- ENGL 5053 Studies in Teaching English
- ENGL 5113 Linguistics & Grammar
- ENGL 5123 Research Methods
- ENGL 5313 Literary Theory & Criticism

**Core Literature and Composition**

Choose one course from each area.

**Area 1: Early British**

- ENGL 5243 Shakespeare & Renaissance Literature
- ENGL 5273 Chaucer & Medieval Literature

**Area 2: American**

- ENGL 5513 American Literature, 1620-1865
- ENGL 5523 American Literature, 1865-Present

**Area 3: Rhetoric & Composition**

- ENGL 5573 Seminar in Rhetoric
- ENGL 5583 Survey in Composition Theories

**English Electives**

- ENGL 5343 Genres in Creative Writing
- ENGL 5433 African American Literature
- ENGL 5533 Seminar in American Literature
- ENGL 5543 British Literature, 1650-present
- ENGL 5553 Seminar in British Literature
- ENGL 5563 Seminar in Comparative Literature
- ENGL 5593 Studies in Narrative
- ENGL 5613 Special Topics
- ENGL 5633 Principles in Technical Writing
- ENGL 5993 Independent Study (with Department Head approval)

**Thesis**

- Thesis Option: Choose three courses (9 SCH)
- Non-Thesis Option: Choose five courses (15 SCH)

Students also have the option of making up electives from courses not taken in Core Literature and Composition areas.

**PLAN 2**

- **36 SCH**

This plan is designed for candidates pursuing an MA for personal enrichment. Core requirements enable candidate to meet the minimum preparatory standards for Ph.D.

**Core Courses**

Choose both courses.

- ENGL 5113 Linguistics & Grammar
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**Literature**

Choose 7 courses.

- ENGL 5243 Shakespeare & Renaissance Literature
- ENGL 5273 Chaucer & Medieval Literature
- ENGL 5433 African American Literature
- ENGL 5513 American Literature, 1620-1865
- ENGL 5523 American Literature, 1865-Present
- ENGL 5533 Seminar in American Literature
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**Composition**

Choose 3 courses.

- ENGL 5053 Studies in Teaching English
- ENGL 5123 Research Methods
- ENGL 5343 Genres in Creative Writing
- ENGL 5573 Seminar in Rhetoric
- ENGL 5583 Survey in Composition Theories
- ENGL 5633 Principles in Technical Writing
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