

# ENGLISH, MA

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## Program Requirements

Students must distribute their classes in the following manner:

- They must take one class in each of the eight domains designated with Roman numerals below.
- They also take two electives from any of the fields designated by Arabic numerals in which they have not previously taken a class.
- Most students will not take classes in all 14 fields.
- The eleventh class is either ENGL 6710 Comprehensive Examination or ENGL 6720 Thesis or Project described below.
- Graduate students must earn a GPA of 3.0 (B) or better in the classes listed for the eight domains.
- No course in which the student receives less than a B (3.0) will count toward the degree.

Code	Title	Units
<b>Domain I</b>		
ENGL 5000	Methods of Scholarly Research	3
<b>Domain II</b>		
ENGL 5010	Criticism	3
<b>Domain III</b>		
ENGL 5610 or ENGL 5620	Theories of English Grammar History of English Language	3
<b>Domain IV</b>		
ENGL 5300	Chaucer	3
ENGL 5310 or ENGL 5320	17th Century British Literature Shakespeare	3
ENGL 5330 or ENGL 5340	18th Century British Literature Development English Novel	3
<b>Domain V</b>		
ENGL 5350	19th Century British Literature	3
Select one of the following: 3		
ENGL 5520	20th Century Poetry	
ENGL 5360	Postcolonial Literature	
ENGL 5370	British Literature: 20th Century to the Present	
<b>Domain VI</b>		
ENGL 5220 or ENGL 5230	Early American Literature Late 19th Century American Literature	3

Select one of the following: 3

ENGL 5210	Ethnic Literature	
ENGL 5240	Modern American Literature	
ENGL 5250	Contemporary American Literature	
<b>Domain VII</b>		
ENGL 5110	Approaches to the Analysis of Writing	3
ENGL 5120	Rhetorical Theory	3
<b>Domain VIII</b>		
ENGL 5130 or ENGL 5020	Composition Theory & Practice Special Method: Instruction of Literature	3
ENGL 5140 or ENGL 5150	Methods and Materials in Teaching Second Language Writing Teaching Basic Writers	3

Upon completion of all course work, students enroll in ENGL 6710 Comprehensive Examination or ENGL 6720 Thesis or Project. ENGL 6710 Comprehensive Examination is an independent course that culminates in three written comprehensive examinations based on the department's standardized reading lists. Students choose three fields of their choice for testing and can take the three examinations on separate occasions, but no more than two times each. ENGL 6720 Thesis or Project is an independent course that culminates in a thesis or project. Students develop the thesis or project under the supervision of three faculty readers. ENGL 6710 Comprehensive Examination and ENGL 6720 Thesis or Project are graded CR/NC. Note: Students must maintain continuous enrollment while completing the requirements for the comprehensive examination, thesis, or project and can do so by enrolling in English 7000 (0 units) through the Division of Extended Education and Global Outreach during semesters when they are not enrolled in any other classes.

## Undergraduate Courses for Graduate Credit

Graduate students normally will take courses from those numbered in the 5000-6000 level series, but they may substitute one or two 3000-4000-level classes (supplemented by additional graduate-level work) with the permission of the instructor and the Graduate Program Coordinator. With the approval of the instructor of the class and the Graduate Program Coordinator, graduate students may also take up to two graduate courses in independent study mode; however, ENGL 5000 Methods of Scholarly Research, ENGL 5610 Theories of English Grammar, ENGL 5620 History of English Language, and ENGL 5010 Criticism are not available through independent study mode and cannot be substituted by any other courses.

## Additional Requirements

### Time Limitation on Course Requirements

State law mandates a seven-year limitation on course credits. Students who fail to complete their degree programs within the seven-year limit may petition the Department's Graduate Committee to permit the revalidating of outdated courses. If granted, such revalidation will normally require an oral or written examination on the course content, supervised by a specialist in the field.