English

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Degrees Offered: B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

The undergraduate program offers opportunities for students to improve their expository writing skills and explore literature while learning to appreciate it critically. The department also offers a variety of courses in creative writing, including poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction. In addition, it also is home to the Theatre Program, which offers courses in theatre and dramatic literature. The graduate program in English offers concentrations in all fields of British and American literature and literary theory.

Degree Requirements for B.A. in English

For general university requirements, see Graduation Requirements (pages 18–20). Students majoring in English must complete 36 semester hours in English with at least 24 hours in courses at the 300 level or above. A double major requires 30 hours in English with at least 18 hours in the upper-level courses. HUMA 101 and 102 may be counted toward the English major. All English majors must take the following:
• ENGL 210 Major British Writers: Chaucer to 1800
• ENGL 211 Major British Writers: 1800 to Present
• ENGL 260 Introduction to the Study of American Literature
• 3 hours in upper-level courses in each of the following areas: (1) English literature before 1800, (2) English literature after 1800, and (3) American literature

The department recommends that all English majors take courses in English and American history and, if they plan to do graduate work, at least 6 hours of upper-level courses in a foreign language.

### Degree Requirements for M.A. and Ph.D. in English

For general university requirements, see graduate Degrees (pages 62-67). As part of their training, graduate students participate in both the teaching and research activities of the department. Upon entering, students will be assigned a Program Advisory Committee (PAC), consisting of two or three faculty members. In consultation with their PAC, students will design their own individualized program structured by the minimal requirements listed below. For more detailed information, please ask for a copy of the Department’s Program Outline.

#### M.A. Program
The English department does not have an M.A. program, but offers the M.A. degree to those Ph.D. students who have achieved candidacy and are in the process of completing their doctorate, and to qualified Ph.D. students who leave the program before completing their doctorate. To receive an M.A. students must:

- Satisfactorily complete at least 30 hours of graduate work in English at Rice University. Courses must be those that count towards the Ph.D. in English. These include: courses numbered in the 500s and 600s in the English department excluding 510, 601/602, 603/604; up to 2 approved graduate or equivalent courses taken in other departments; and up to 2 approved courses in the English department numbered 400 and above. Courses taken to fulfill the language requirement are excluded. Students must satisfactorily complete ENGL 600 and distribution requirements for the Ph.D. (See below.)
- Satisfactorily complete 2 Teaching Assistantships (ENGL 601/602). These do not count toward the 30-hour requirement.

#### Ph.D. Program
To gain admission to Ph.D. candidacy, students must satisfy the first seven of the following requirements, and they must receive approval for their dissertation prospectus from the Department’s Graduate Committee. To earn a Ph.D. in English, candidates must also complete the last 2 requirements. Students must:

1. Satisfactorily complete at least 33 hours of course work plus ENGL 510, exclusive of the thesis. Courses can include: graduate courses in the English department numbered 500 to 600, excluding 510, 601/602, 603/604; up to 2 approved undergraduate courses in another department.
2. Satisfactorily complete the following 2 required courses: ENGL 600, Professional Methods, and ENGL 605, Third-Year Writing Workshop. These count toward the 33-hour requirement.
3. Satisfactorily complete the distribution requirement, which consists of 2 approved courses on literature before 1800 and 2 after 1800. These count toward the 33-hour requirement.
4. Satisfactorily complete the teaching requirement by serving twice as a teaching assistant, by completing ENGL 510/511 Pedagogy, and by teaching a lower-level course designed in conjunction with the instructor of ENGL 510. ENGL 510 does not count toward the 33-hour requirement.
5. Pass a six-hour written preliminary examination focusing on two lists of books, one representing the full range of a literary period as defined by the student and his or her preliminary committee, the other representing a second literary period, a single author, a genre traced over a period of time more comprehensive than that covered by the first list, or a particular theoretical or critical approach studied with reference to its own history and traditions as well as to the historical field of the first exam.
6. Complete a dissertation prospectus that proposes a topic and an approach, offers a context to the topic in terms of work already done, that offers an outline of chapters or sections, and that includes a substantial bibliography.
7. Complete a dissertation that demonstrates a capacity for independent and original work of high quality.

#### Financial Support
Within the limits of available funds, qualified students may receive graduate scholarships or fellowships for up to four years. To qualify for this Continuing financial aid, students must be approved for candidacy for the Ph.D. by the beginning of their seventh semester at Rice (fifth semester for those entering with an M.A.).

See ENGL in the Courses of Instruction section.