

**PLAN OF STUDY: M.A.
AMERICAN CULTURE**

University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Department of English
[last updated Fa05]

Student/Semester admitted _____

1. **Degree description.** The M.A. with an option in American Culture requires 33-36 hours beyond the B.A. Candidates can choose the thesis or non-thesis track.

Thesis option	30 hours coursework (please list and note semester completed):	15 hours of 5/600-courses, including 501 and 596 (please list):	6 hours thesis work, ENGL599 (please note semesters taken):
Non-thesis option	33 hours coursework (please list and note semester completed):	15 hours of 5/600-courses, including 501 and 596 (please list);	N/A

2. **Option Requirements.** Candidates must take 15 hours of coursework from five of the six areas below.

Area	1/British Literature to 1500	2/16/17 th C. British Literature	3/Restoration and 18 th C. British Literature	4/Romantic & Victorian Literature	5/American Literature to 1890	6/20 th C. British & American Literature
Course & Term Taken						

3. **Degree Requirements.** In addition to the option requirements, candidates must take the following courses and fulfill the following degree requirements.

Course	Term Taken
ENGL500	
ENGL596	
Old/Middle English or Linguistics (3 credit hours)	
ENGL501*	
ENGL509*	
American Culture courses (6-12 graduate credit hours in courses outside the department. These courses require the approval of the graduate coordinator)	

*Required only of M.A. graduate assistants. M.A. graduate assistants should enroll in ENGL501 in their second semester; they should enroll in ENGL509 in their third and fourth semesters.

Requirement	Term fulfilled
Application for candidacy **	
Foreign Language (Reading knowledge of French, German, or Spanish. Please consult Graduate Coordinator.)	
Comprehensive exams (written and oral; thesis defense if applicable)	

** Complete candidacy form after passing 12 hours of graduate coursework. Return to Graduate School after completing. The form is available on-line off the Graduate School link or at the Graduate School office (Martin Hall 332).

4. **Transfer Credit.** With the approval of the department and the Graduate School, students may transfer up to 12 hours of graduate credit towards the M.A., provided that these hours do not exceed one third of total hours. Only 6 hours of 400-level (G) courses from non-degree courses may be transferred. Please list these courses below (include the name of the prior institution) as well as the corresponding UL courses (if applicable), and submit the transfer of credit form to the Graduate School.