

University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Plan of Study for M.A. Student
Department of English

Concentration in Professional Writing

MA Student: _____
Semester first admitted: _____

I. Course Work
33-36 hours beyond the Bachelors
 At least **15** hrs of **500-600** level courses (including 501 and 596)
 After 12 hours of graduate credit, apply for admission to candidacy (get form from Graduate School Office).

____ Thesis Option (30 hours of course work + 6 hours thesis)
 ____ Non-thesis Option (at least 33 hours of course work)

Graduate Courses Applied from Other Institutions
 Students may transfer, with departmental and Graduate Dean's Approval, up to 12 hours of graduate credit toward the master's provided that this number not exceed 1/3 of the total course credits. (Transfer form may be obtained from Graduate School). Only 6 hours of 400-G level courses from non-degree programs may be transferred)
 Institution _____

COURSE	AREA

Total transfer Credits _____
 Remaining Course Credits _____
Courses to be taken at UL Lafayette
 First Year

Second Year

Third Year

Total Course Credits _____

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. 15 hours of course work in 5 of the following 6 areas:

- Area 1: English Literature to 1500 _____
- Area 2: 16th and 17th Century British Lit. _____
- Area 3: Restoration/ 18th Century _____
- Area 4: Romantic/Victorian 19th Century _____
- Area 5: American Literature 1890 _____
- Area 6: 20th Century Lit. British or American _____

- 2. ____ English 500 (Professional Colloquium)—first semester
- 3. ____ English 596 (Research Methods) (usually first semester; may be waived if student has had equivalent course)
- 4. ____ 3 hours of courses in Old or Middle English or Linguistics Courses

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- 5. ____ ENGL 501 (Teaching Assistant only)
- 6. ____ ENGL 509 (Teaching Assistant only – does not count toward coursework hours)
- 7. Non-thesis students must complete 12 hours from the following courses: ENGL465 ____ ENGL463 ____ ENGL462 ____ ENGL 457 ____ ENGL555 ____ ENGL 556 ____ ENGL 506 ____ ENGL 458 ____ ENGL 446 ____ ENGL 476 ____ ENGL 580 ____
- 8. Students may not count more than 6 hours of creative writing and linguistics toward the minimum requirements for the concentration.
- 9. Students may not count more than 6 hours of practicum and special topics course work toward the minimum requirements.
- 10. In consultation with the advisory committee, students will prepare a professional portfolio of original work representing their writing skills and areas of specialization. The portfolio must be approved by the advisory committee before the oral exam.

II. Checklist for General Requirements

- A. ____ Critical Writing Sample Submitted
- B. ____ Foreign Language Requirement (approved by Graduate Coordinator) [must be met before Comprehensive Exams are scheduled].
- C. Reading Knowledge of one of the following: French, German, or Spanish (course work or exam) Date foreign language requirement completed: _____
- D. ____ Application for admittance to Candidacy immediately after passing 12 hours of course work
Date Applied for Candidacy _____
- E. **M.A. Comprehensive Exam**
 See English Graduate Student Handbook for Details. There is both a written and an oral component

Oral Exam /Thesis Defense (date passed) _____
 Written Exam (date passed) _____

Minor in ESOL

- 1. A minimum of 33 hours course work with no thesis
 - 2. A minimum of 12 hours in ESOL courses
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- 3. A minimum of 18 hours in literature courses, one from each of the six areas listed in number one of the course requirements.

Minor in Reading

- 1. A minimum of 12 hours in reading courses is to be determined by the Department of Reading in the College of Education.

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- 2. A minimum of 18 hours in English, in language and literature, is required.
 - a. *Language courses:* English 405 ____; English 506 ____; and one from English 425 ____, English 452 ____, English 552 ____
 - b. *Literature Courses:* one from Areas 1-4 ____; one Area 5 ____; one Area 6 ____