

University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Department of English ~ Graduate Program
Plan of Study for
M.A. in English ~ Rhetoric & Composition Studies Concentration

Student: _____ Semester admitted _____

Degree requirements: The M.A. in this concentration requires at least 33-39 hours beyond the B.A. See the *English Graduate Student Online Handbook* for further clarification of requirements.

1. Thesis/Non-Thesis Option: M.A. students can choose one of the following:

- **Thesis:**
 - Minimum of 33 hours coursework, including at least 15 hours of 5/600-level courses
 - 6 hours thesis [ENGL 599]. A thesis prospectus must be submitted prior to writing the thesis.
- **Non-Thesis:**
 - 33 hours coursework, including at least 15 hours of 5/600-level courses
 - M.A. exams during last semester

2. General coursework and degree requirements: The following are required of all M.A. students:

(a) ENGL500~Professional Colloquium (zero credit hours);
 ENGL596~Research Methods;
 1 class in Linguistics, Old or Middle English

(b) At least one class at the 400 or 500 level from five of the following areas [5 classes total]:
 Area 1 ~ British Literature to c. 1500
 Area 2 ~ British Literature of the Renaissance
 Area 3 ~ Restoration and 18th C British Literature
 Area 4 ~ 19th C British Literature
 Area 5 ~ British Literature c.1890-Present
 Area 6 ~ American Literature to c.1900
 Area 7 ~ American Literature 1900-Present

(c) **M.A. graduate assistants** are required to enroll in ENGL501 in their second semester; they should enroll in ENGL509 in their third and fourth semesters. [Note: 501 hours count towards degree requirements, but 509 hours do not.]

3. Courses Specific to the Concentration: ENGL501, plus a minimum of 9 credit hours from the following: 449, 457, 458, 464, 472, 473, 474, 501, 555, 556, 560, 660.

4. Candidacy and other requirements: Complete candidacy form after passing 12 hours of graduate coursework and send the form to the Graduate School. The form is available online from the Graduate School webpage. Students must pass a reading knowledge foreign language exam. See the *English Graduate Student Online Handbook* for specific guidelines.

Application to candidacy completed	Date:
Foreign Language Exam passed	Date:
Exams (written and oral); or, Thesis Defense	Date:

5. Transfer Credit: With the approval of the department and the Graduate School, students may transfer up to 12 hrs of graduate credit towards the M.A., provided that these hours do not exceed one third of the total hours. Only 6 hrs of graduate courses from non-degree programs [e.g. Entree Program] may be transferred

Coursework Checklist

If applicable, please note transfer credits in the Notes column with the original course taken. Please also note that at least 15 of your course hours for the M.A. must be at the 5/600 level.

**Note: Students on assistantship are required to take 501 and 509. English 509 will not count towards total credit hours, but is required the last two semesters for M.A. students on assistantship.*

Requirement	Course Taken	Sem	Grade	Credit	Notes
ENLG500~Professional Colloquium				0	
*ENGL 509					GAs take in 3 rd semester. Hrs do not count towards degree.
*ENGL 509					GAs take in 4 th semester. Hrs do not count towards degree.
*ENGL 501				3	GAs Required to take in 2 nd semester
Old or Middle English, or Linguistics				3	
ENGL596~Research Methods				3	
Area 1-7				3	
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446, 449, 457, 458, 462, 463, 464, 465, 476, 501, 506, 555, 556, 560, 660.				3	
Concentration class from list above				3	
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Thesis option: ENGL 599				6	

Total hours: 33-39 [Thesis: 33 + 6 thesis hrs; Non-Thesis: 33 hrs coursework]