

# ENGLISH, M.A.

The Master of Arts degree program in English is designed to strengthen professional skills for all fields and prepare students for continuing graduate study. The English M.A. enhances the student's intellectual and aesthetic life through the intense study of literature, writing studies, literary theory, film studies and linguistics. The Master of Arts degree program may be completed fully face-to-face, fully online, or a combination of both face-to-face and online.

Earning a Master of Arts degree in English at Millersville University can hone your writing skills, strengthen your analytic abilities and sharpen your investigation skills. Earning a Master of Arts degree can help you change careers or enhance your current career. The English M.A. cultivates curiosity, openness and creativity as mindset approaches to support you as you develop skills and content knowledge. These mindset values, along with the skills obtained throughout a master's degree, strengthen your impact in the workplace.

## Admission Requirements

Admission to the program is open to those applicants who possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college with an undergraduate major in English, or by special permission. Applicants must submit supporting documents as required for general admission to a graduate program (see *Admission Requirements* section). Applicants must submit a sample of scholarly work (an 8-15-page critical or research paper recently prepared).

An admissions decision is based upon an evaluation of all application documents by the graduate program coordinator. If probational admission is granted, the graduate program coordinator will stipulate the conditions to be met by the applicant before full admission is granted (e.g., satisfactory completion of prescribed undergraduate courses or completion of a certain number of graduate English courses with a satisfactory GPA).

## Degree Candidacy

Admission to degree candidacy requires successful completion of 9-18 s.h. of departmentally approved graduate coursework with an overall B average and satisfaction of the foreign language requirement. This coursework should include at least 9 s.h. at Millersville University. Students need to complete both ENGL 614 The Profession of Engl Studies and ENGL 651 Literary Criticism to achieve degree candidacy. A student who accumulates a maximum of 21 s.h. of graduate coursework and whose grade average falls below a B will be dropped from the degree program.

Upon completion of 18 s.h. of graduate coursework, a student must apply and be admitted to degree candidacy, after which he/she should, in consultation with the graduate program coordinator, develop a program which lists the requirements needed to complete the degree program. Once a student has completed 18 credits of graduate coursework, they may not proceed with their program until they have been approved by the department for degree candidacy.

## Major in English, MA

Code	Title	Hours
<b>GRADUATE CORE</b>		
Profession of English Studies 3		
ENGL 614	The Profession of Engl Studies	

Literary Theory	3
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ENGL 651	Literary Criticism
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Literature Course - Choose 1 class from:	
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Any ENGL 601-645 course(s)	
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Note: This requirement may not be satisfied with ENGL 614.	
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Linguistics Course - Choose 1 of the following:	3
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ENGL 601	Old English Language and Lit
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ENGL 602	Middle English
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ENGL 660	Tchg ESL Listening and Speakng
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ENGL 661	Semnr in Transformational Ling
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ENGL 662	Dialects of American English
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ENGL 663	Applied Linguistics
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ENGL 664	Teaching of Eng as Sec Lang
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Writing Course - Choose 1 class from:	
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Any WRIT 670-675 course(s)	
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WRIT 682	Genres in Nonfiction Writing
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Any WRIT 692-695 course(s)	
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<b>English Focus</b>	
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Any 5-level ENGL course(s)	
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Any 6-level ENGL course(s)	
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Any 5-level WRIT course(s)	
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Any 6-level WRIT course(s)	
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Note: This requirement may not be satisfied with ENGL 698 or ENGL 699.	
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Students are encouraged to focus 9 s.h. on one area from: Writing Studies, Linguistics, British, American or World Lit.	
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<b>CAPSTONE PROJECT</b>	
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Upon completion of the capstone project, the student will meet with a committee for an oral exam of the project. Options include: Traditional or Creative Thesis, Curriculum Artifact, or successful completion (B or better) of ENGL 680 Digital Portfolio.	
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Thesis Option - See Appendix 1	
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Curriculum Artifact - See Appendix 2	
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ENGL 680 with a C or better - See Appendix 3	
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<b>FOREIGN LANGUAGE COMPETENCY</b>	
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undefined - Choose 1 of the following:	
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Reading competency in one foreign language is required for the MA in English. Discuss options for completing this with your advisor.	
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Non-course Foreign Language Competency - See Appendix 4	
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Foreign Language Course (B or Higher) - See Appendix 5	
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<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>27</b>
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## Appendix 1. Thesis Option

Code	Title	Hours
undefined - Choose 3 hours from:		
ENGL 699	Thesis:	3

**Appendix 2. Curriculum Artifact**

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 691	Independent Studies (Ind Study:Curriculum Artifact)	3

**Appendix 3. ENGL 680 with a C or better**

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 680	Digital Portfolio Workshop (with Grade >= 3.0)	3

**Appendix 4. Non-course Foreign Language Competency**

Code	Title	Hours
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Foreign Language competency may be demonstrated with a reading exam. Offered Fall and Spring only. Contact the graduate director in English to schedule the exam at least one month prior to desired date. No exams in the last two weeks of the semester

**Appendix 5. Foreign Language Course (B or Higher)**

Code	Title	Hours
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Earn a B or higher in a foreign language course (FREN,GERM, SPAN, etc.) numbered 201 or higher, HUMN 210/586 French Literature in English, ENGL 587 Special Topics in Translation, ENGL 601, or ENGL 602