M.A. in English Language & Literature:
General Concentration

This program is designed to meet the needs of students who wish to teach English at a community college, for students seeking preparation for advanced study at the doctoral level at another university, or for students teaching English at the elementary or secondary level who wish to pursue more study in the discipline.

Admission Requirements
To become a candidate for the degree of Master of Arts in English Language and Literature, a student must have an undergraduate major or minor in English with a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a four point scale and a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.7. For applicants whose native language is not English, a TOEFL score of 550 (213 CBT) and a TWE of at least 5, or a MELAB of 85, are required for admission. All students applying for admission to the Language and Literature program must submit a 7-10 page sample of analytical writing that shows an aptitude to do graduate-level work in English.

Degree Requirements
Students must complete a minimum of 30 semester hours of course work. At least 15 of the total semester hours must be at or above the 600 level. Fifteen semester hours are required in the following areas:

- Literary Criticism (3);
- Language or Linguistics (3) Professional Methodologies (3); and
- Two 600-level seminars in literature (6).

In addition to the required courses, students may select one of the following capstone projects:

Plan A - 9 additional hours of course work authorized by the advisor and planned with the student, plus thesis (6 hours) and oral examination over thesis; or

Plan B - 15 additional hours of course work, authorized by the advisor and planned with the student, plus a scholarly paper.

M.A. in English Language & Literature:
Creative Writing Concentration

This program is designed to meet the needs of students who wish to become professional writers, for students who wish to teach English at a community college, for students seeking preparation for advanced study at the doctoral level at another university, or for students teaching English at the secondary level who wish to pursue more study in the discipline.

Admission Requirements
In addition to the admission requirements listed above, students applying for admission to the Creative Writing Concentration must submit a portfolio of original poetry or fiction for approval before selecting this concentration.

Degree Requirements
Students must complete a minimum of 30 semester hours of course work. At least 15 of the total semester hours must be at or above the 600 level. Fifteen semester hours are required in the following areas:

- Literary Criticism (3);
- Language or Linguistics (3) Professional Methodologies (3); and
- Two 600-level seminars in literature (6).

In addition to these required courses, students in this concentration will take the following:

- One elective, selected in consultation with an advisor (3)
- One of the following:
  - ENG 691 - Seminar Writing Fiction (6);
  - ENG 692 - Seminar in Writing Poetry (6); or
  - Thesis and oral examination over thesis (6).
M.A. in English Language & Literature: 
Children's and Young Adult Literature Concentration

This program is designed to prepare students for doctoral level studies at another university and to meet the general needs of students teaching at the elementary and secondary levels who wish to upgrade their capabilities, as well as students who aspire to teach at the community college level.

Admission Requirements
Admission requirements are the same as for the Master of Arts in English Language and Literature: General Concentration.

Degree Requirements
Students must complete a minimum of 30 semester hours of course work. At least 15 of the total semester hours must be at or above the 600 level. Fifteen semester hours are required in the following areas:
- Literary Criticism (3);
- Language or Linguistics (3) Professional Methodologies (3); and
- Two 600-level seminars in literature (6).

In addition to these required courses, students in this concentration will take the following:
- ENG 681 – Seminar in Children's Literature (3); and
- Six hours of electives in Children's/YA Literature (6).

Students will also select one of the following capstone projects:
- Plan A - Thesis (6 hours) and oral examination over thesis; or
- Plan B - Six additional hours of course work, authorized by the advisor and planned with the student, plus a scholarly paper.

M.A. in English Composition and Communication

The Master of Arts degree in English Composition and Communication is a program of courses centering on theory and practice in non-fiction forms of writing. It prepares graduate students to be career writers composing in disciplines other than English, professional writers composing within their own disciplines, creative writers composing in non-fiction forms, or teachers specializing in non-fiction forms. It allows for breadth of background and experience in composition as well as concentration in a selected area of interest. Required courses ground students in writing, editing, and rhetorical analysis, while elective courses give the opportunity to focus on creative, professional and pedagogical development. Students in this program will have priority access to designated English Department computer facilities throughout their course of study.

Admission Requirements
To become a candidate for the degree of Master of Arts in English Composition and Communication, a student must have a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a four-point scale and a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.7, or demonstrate equivalent academic or professional experience. For applicants whose native language is not English, a TOEFL score of 550 (213 CBT) and a TWE of at least 5, or a MELAB of 85, are required for admission.

Degree Requirements
Students must complete a minimum of 30 semester hours of course work. At least 15 of the total semester hours must be at or above the 600 level. Nine semester hours are required in the following areas:
- ENG 601 – Graduate Composition (3);
- ENG 637 – Seminar in Rhetoric and Composition (3); and
- ENG 638 – Seminar in Textual Analysis and Editing (3).

Nine hours (9) of restricted electives and six hours (6) of unrestricted electives are required, in consultation with their advisor.

Students will also choose one of the following capstone projects:
- Thesis (6 hours) and oral examination over thesis;
- Internship: Teaching (6 hours); or
- Internship: Professional Communication (6 hours).

M.A. in TESOL
(Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)

This program is designed to prepare teachers for careers in teaching English as a second or foreign language in the United States or abroad. Students study the formal aspects of language, its acquisition and use, and gain knowledge and experience in current theories, approaches, and methods of language teaching and language assessment.

Admission Requirements
To be admitted into the M.A. TESOL program, a student should have an undergraduate major or minor in English, linguistics, language arts, reading or a foreign language, with a grade point average of at least 3.0 in his or her major or minor and a cumulative average of 2.7. Applicants with majors in areas not related to language will be considered on an individual basis. In addition, two years of college foreign language study (or its equivalent) are required. For applicants whose native language is not English, a TOEFL score of 550 (213 CBT) and a TWE of at least 5, or a MELAB of 85, are required for admission.

Degree Requirements
Students must complete a minimum of 30 semester hours of course work. At least 15 of the total semester hours must be at or above the 600 level. Three semester hours are required in the following areas:
- ENG 571 – Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (3);
- ENG 574 – TESOL Materials, Assessment, Curriculum (3);
- ENG 577 – Intro to Second Language Acquisition (3);
- ENG 672 – Applied Linguistics in Written Communication (3);
- ENG 673 – English Phonology for Language Teachers (3);
- ENG 675 – Seminar in English Linguistics (3); or
- ENG 690 – Practicum in TESOL (3).

Six hours of electives are required, chosen in consultation with an advisor (6).

In addition, for the capstone project, students must pass a comprehensive examination and produce a Plan B scholarly paper.

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