

The English Department at Auburn University offers a flexible Masters of Arts degree with three available concentrations:

Literature

The Literature concentration offers a range of critical perspectives on literary and cultural studies with an emphasis on British and American literature and theory. Students who complete the literature concentration will develop writing and research skills through in depth study of particular literary and cultural fields.

Creative Writing

The Creative Writing concentration offers an in-depth education in the writing and revising of poetry and fiction. The development of an original voice, knowledge of the craft of writing, with particular attention to the elements of poetry and fiction, and the ability to read classic and contemporary models of published work from a writer's perspective, are guiding principles.

Composition and Rhetoric

The Composition and Rhetoric concentration offers in-depth study of key theoretical and methodological approaches to rhetoric and composition studies, with an emphasis on writing pedagogy and rhetorical analysis. Students who complete the composition and rhetoric concentration will develop teaching, writing, and research skills reflecting the developments in the field of the last few decades.

Foreign Language Requirement

The MA student must demonstrate reading proficiency in one foreign language. Students may satisfy this requirement in French, German, Italian, Latin, Russian, Spanish, or any other language approved by the Coordinator of Graduate Studies. A student whose first language is not English may ask to have the CGS waive this requirement.

The student may demonstrate reading proficiency of a foreign language in one of three ways:

- By earning, within the last five years, at least a B in two undergraduate literature courses taught in a foreign language.
- By taking the foreign language proficiency exam given about the middle of each term.
- By taking a 3-hour pass/fail reading proficiency course in a foreign language taught by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature and earning a final grade of "S." This course does not carry graduate credit.

Portfolio/exam

Requires significant research revision of work originally completed in courses taken for the MA under the supervision of the student's graduate advisory committee.

Masters in English

Curriculum Guide

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Literature Course Sequence (30 hours)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ GTA required courses (3 hours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English 7040 Composition: Issues and Approaches
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Major Area Courses (9 hours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-1800 Literature • Post-1800 Literature • English 7790 Literary Theory: Issues & Approaches OR • English 7800: Studies in Literary Theory
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Minor Area Courses (6 hours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 graduate courses in English or another discipline relative to the student's professional and academic goals; approved by the student's Graduate Advisory Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Distribution Courses (9 hours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical & Professional Communications course OR • Linguistics course OR • Creative Writing course • Comparative Literature course OR • Genre course OR • Author course • Technology and Culture course OR • Globalism course OR • Sustainability course OR • Diversity course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Elective Courses (3 hours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 graduate course in English
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Portfolio/exam (see back page) ■ Foreign Language Requirement (see back page) 	

Creative Writing Course Sequence (30 hours)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ GTA required courses (3 hours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English 7040 Composition: Issues and Approaches
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Major Area Courses (9 hours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English 7130: Fiction Writing (repeat as needed; offered annually) • English 7140: Poetry Writing (repeat as needed; offered biannually)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Minor Area Courses (6 hours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 graduate courses in English or another discipline relative to the student's professional and academic goals; approved by the student's Graduate Advisory Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Distribution Courses (9 hours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical & Professional Communications course OR • Linguistics course OR • Rhetoric/Composition course • Literature pre-1800 • Technology and Culture course OR • Globalism course OR • Sustainability course OR • Diversity course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Elective Courses (3 hours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 graduate course in English
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Composition and Rhetoric Course Sequence (30 hours)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ GTA required courses (see area courses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English 7040 Composition: Issues and Approaches
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Major Area Courses (9 hours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English 7040 Composition: Issues and Approaches • English 7050: Studies in Composition • English 7300: Rhetoric Theory and Practice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Minor Area Courses (6 hours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 graduate courses in English or another discipline relative to the student's professional and academic goals; approved by the student's Graduate Advisory Committee
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