English M.A. (Thesis)

Degree Requirements: 36 Credit Hours

Admission Requirements

Regular
1. Completed requirements for the Bachelor’s degree in a college accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting associations.
2. A 3.0 (4.0 scale) cumulative grade point average or higher on all undergraduate work.
3. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores.
4. An undergraduate major or the equivalent in the proposed field of study.
5. Two letters of recommendation by persons familiar with the applicant’s academic experience.
6. A sample of the applicant’s scholarly writing of at least 12-15 pages.
7. Statement of Purpose (250-500) words. This statement should address the applicant’s academic achievements and major accomplishments, contributions to or experiences in this field of study, pertinent extra-curricular activities, and the reasons why he or she wishes to attend Georgia Southern. While the personal statement is only one of many factors the graduate admissions committee considers when making admission decisions, it helps provide context for the rest of the application.

Provisional
Provisional admission is sometimes possible if a candidate has a 2.75 (4.0 scale) or higher cumulative grade point average on undergraduate college work. Students who do not meet provisional requirements may appeal to a departmental graduate committee for admission.

Program of Study

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Required Hours</th>
<th>Credit Hours</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ENGL 7111 Seminar in College English</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENGL 7121 Methods of Research</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENGL 7618 Thesis Preparation</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENGL - Six seminars at the 6000 or 7000 level</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Electives (courses at the ENGL 5000G level or additional ENGL seminars)</th>
<th>Select 9 credit hours of Electives</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Up to six credit hours may be taken in other disciplines (no more than one course per department) upon approval of the Director.</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Thesis

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Thesis (see below for more information)</th>
<th>5</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

Total Credit Hours 36

In cooperation with a thesis advisor and committee, the student will write an M.A. thesis of 10,000-12,000 words, not counting Notes and Works Cited. (With the approval of the thesis director, the student may write a longer thesis.) The student must pass an oral examination consisting of a discussion of the thesis and of questions related to it. In depth and scope, the thesis must demonstrate originality in research as well as independent and critical judgment in interpreting materials. The major professor shall supervise the research, direct the writing of the thesis, and, in consultation with the second and third readers, approve the thesis in its final form. See the Graduate Student Manual for additional Thesis information. Prior to beginning the thesis, the student should have the supervisor complete a thesis Prospectus Form to be approved by the department and the Graduate College. For more information, consult the M.A. English web page at on the College of Arts and Humanities website.

Advisement

Georgia Southern University
College of Arts and Humanities
Department of Literature
Graduate Program Director
Dr. Dustin Anderson
Newton Building, Room 3302B
Phone: (912) 478-5471
Fax: 9(12) 478-0653
danderson@georgiasouthern.edu