**MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH (30 Credit Hours)**

Plan of Study must be filed at completion of the first 12 hours of Graduate Study.[[1]](#endnote-1)

**I. REQUIRED CORE COURSES (15 Credit Hours)**

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| **Required Coursework of All Students** | **Credits** | **Course** | **Semester** | **Grade** |
| Introduction to Graduate Studies | 3 | ENGL 700 |  |  |
| Literary Seminar: Pre-20th Century Period Course | 3 |  |  |  |
| Literary Seminar: Pre-20th Century Period Course | 3 |  |  |  |
| Literary Seminar: Post-20th Century Period Course | 3 |  |  |  |
| Literary Seminar: Period Course of Student’s Choice | 3 |  |  |  |
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| **The above includes….** | **Yes** |
| at least one seminar in British literature? |  |
| at least one seminar in American literature? |  |

Period Courses: *ENGL 503, 504, 521, 522, 524, 526, 527, 532, 533, 703, 704, 705, 720, 721, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 733, 814*

**II. CAPSTONE PROJECT AND ELECTIVES (15 Credit Hours)**

**Option 1: Thesis Students**

In addition to the above core requirements, **Thesis Students** select 9-12 credit hours in elective coursework chosen in consultation with the graduate coordinator and must complete 3-6 credit hours of the master’s thesis (Engl 890); a maximum of 6 hours of Engl 890 can be applied toward the degree. Graduate Teaching Assistants are required to take Engl 780 and Engl 581. Engl 780 can apply to the degree plan as an elective; Engl 581 may not.

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|  | **Credits** | **Course** | **Semester** | **Grade** |
| Elective | 3 |  |  |  |
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| Thesis Hours or Elective | 3 |  |  |  |
| Thesis Hours | 3 | ENGL 890 |  |  |

Prior to enrollment in English 890 (thesis hours) but after obtaining agreement from a second reader, the Thesis candidate will submit to the Graduate Coordinator a “Prospectus” with a preliminary bibliography of primary and secondary sources as well as a “Thesis Syllabus.” The Prospectus must include signatures from the first and second readers. Thesis students must also abide by the Graduate School’s deadlines for scheduling their defense.

**Option 2: Portfolio Students**

In addition to the above core requirements, **Portfolio Students** select 12 credit hours in elective coursework chosen in consultation with the graduate coordinator and must complete 3 credit hours of the master’s portfolio (Engl 895); a maximum of 3 hours of Engl 895 can be applied toward the degree. Graduate Teaching Assistants are required to take Engl 780 and Engl 581. Engl 780 can apply to the degree plan as an elective; Engl 581 may not.

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|  | **Credits** | **Course** | **Semester** | **Grade** |
| Elective | 3 |  |  |  |
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| Portfolio Hours | 3 | ENGL 895 |  |  |

Portfolio students must submit a “Portfolio Checklist” to the Graduate Coordinator prior to enrolling in portfolio hours, after confirming with their designated faculty mentors their willingness to assess the portfolio. They must also submit a “Portfolio Syllabus.” The final portfolio must be ready for faculty review by December 1st for a fall enrollment or May 1st for a spring enrollment.

**Additional Requirements: Language**

Master's degree candidates in English may fulfill the department’s foreign language requirements in any one of the following ways. Mark the box that applies.

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|  | Has submitted a transcript showing the completion with a grade of C- or better of at least 15 hours of undergraduate work in a single foreign language or the equivalent as defined by Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. |
|  | Has completed the required 15 hours of undergraduate work in a single foreign language while enrolled in the degree program. |
|  | Has passed a test administered by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literature in the elected foreign language, with a successful score determined by the English department. |
|  | Has completed at WSU or submitted a transcript showing completion of 6 hours of Linguistics with a grade of C- or better. |

1. The Plan of Study may not be changed without Graduate School approval [↑](#endnote-ref-1)