

THE MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH EDUCATION (M.A.)

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The curriculum in the Master of Arts in English Education affirms the richness of language and literature produced by diverse groups. Thus, the program offers courses in language, literacy, literature, and pedagogy. Core courses and electives within a chosen emphasis expand students' personal, intellectual, and professional horizons through classroom experiences and opportunities for travel.

Inservice teachers who are admitted with initial licensure will be recommended for the North Carolina M license in English upon successful completion of the program. The UNCP Graduate Program in English Education is approved by the Department of Public Instruction for Advanced Licensure in English and is one of the few programs in the state offering courses leading to add-on ESL licensure. Furthermore, program goals and objectives are aligned with National Board Certification standards.

College graduates with backgrounds in English or related fields who are admitted to the program seek advanced knowledge and skills in language, literacy, and literature for various personal and professional purposes, including preparation to teach in community colleges.

Through graduate course work, candidates for the Master of Arts in English Education acquire, extend, synthesize, apply, and reflect upon their knowledge, expertise, and experience in literature, literacy, and pedagogy. The culminating product of the graduate experience is a Capstone Portfolio and Presentation, in which the candidate demonstrates a clearly articulated, coherent philosophy of teaching literacy and literature. This philosophy demonstrates the candidate's proficiency in those areas that constitute program goals:

1. Instructional Expertise
2. Knowledge of Learners
3. Research
4. Content Knowledge
5. Professional Reflection, Development, and Leadership

Requirements for a Master of Arts in English Education

Sem. Hrs.

A. Core Courses (12 hours required)

12

ENG 5000—Literacy and Literature in Context: Curricula, Assessment, and Reform

EED 5510—The Teaching of Writing: Theory and Practice

EED 5520—The Teaching of Literature: Theories, Issues, and Practices

EDN 5660—Applied Educational Research

B. Literacy Emphasis (6 hours required; up to 18 hours accepted)

6 - 18

ENG 5100—Rhetorical Grammar

ENG 5200—Issues in Contemporary American English

ENG 5230—Advanced Creative Writing

SPE 5230—Spoken Communication

ENG 5440, 5450—Process Writing

ENG 5500—Advanced Nonfiction Writing

ENG 5810—Phonetics and Phonology (fall odd years)*

ENG 5830—Second Language Acquisition (spring even years)*

ENG 5850—Cultural Issues of English as a Second Language (fall even years)*

TESL 5890—Applied Pedagogy of Teaching English as a Second Language (spring odd years)*

ENGS 5xxx—Special Topics in Literacy

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| C. Literature Emphasis (6 hours required; up to 18 hours accepted) | 6 - 18 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENG 5030—North Carolina Literature ENG 5050— Native American Literature ENG 5300— Theories and Methods of Literary Research ENG 5610—Shakespeare Studies ENG 5650—Americans in Paris ENG 5750—Film Studies ENGS 5xxx — Author Seminar ENGS 5xxx — Literary Topic Seminar ENGS 5xxx — Literary Period Seminar ENGS 5xxx — Literary Genre Seminar ENGS 5700-5750—Expanding Canon Seminar | |
| D. Thesis (0 hours required; 6 hours accepted) | 0 - 6 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENG 6010—Three-Credit Thesis ENG 6020— Six-Credit Thesis I ENG 6030— Six-Credit Thesis II <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Thesis credit (3 - 6 hours) will be awarded under B. Literacy Emphasis or C. Literature Emphasis, depending on the topic.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Students writing a thesis must also take six hours of course work in the Emphasis in which thesis credit is awarded.</p> | |
| E. Capstone Portfolio and Presentation is the culminating experience of the graduate program and takes place during the last semester (fall or spring) of the candidate's course work. | |

**Program
Total: 36**

*Indicates courses leading to Graduate Add-On Licensure in ESL; candidates for this licensure must have taken ENG 3460—Aspects of the English Language and ENG 3710—English Grammar or their equivalents.

The degree must be completed within five years of admission to the program. Students should note rotation of core courses and schedule their capstone experience to assure completion of all requirements in a timely manner.

COURSES

These courses are grouped into five areas (see above for English Education program requirements). Some courses fulfill requirements for students enrolled in other graduate programs.

A. CORE COURSES

(also in the core is EDN 5660, Applied Educational Research—see listing in M.A.Ed. program)

ENG 5000. Literacy and Literature in Context: Curricula, Assessment, and Reform

Literacy and literature from intersecting historical, global, psychological, socioeconomic, and curricular perspectives; the role of technology; diagnostic, formative, and summative assessment; theory, philosophy, and research into pedagogy addressing students' exceptionalities and multiple intelligences; literacy and literature demands of the N. C. Standard Course of Study and National Board Standard; and findings that delineate how literacy and literature professionals can provide leadership in the twenty-first century. Credit, 3 semester hours.

EED 5510. The Teaching of Writing: Theory and Practice

Study and classroom application of composition theories (current-traditional, expressive, cognitive, social epistemic) and scholarship on writing. Study and application of types of writing, writing assignments, writing curricula and units, and strategies for teaching and assessing writing in English and Language Arts classes (6-12) and college composition courses. Specific topics may include

process writing, writing across the curriculum, integrated language arts, adapting to diverse learners, technology applications, and alignment with the N.C. Standard Course of Study. Credit, 3 semester hours.

EED 5520. The Teaching of Literature: Theories, Issues, and Practices

Theories of literary interpretation and their application to curricula and pedagogy for students with diverse learning styles, cultural backgrounds, and developmental needs; assessment of reading and literature; applications of technology, multidisciplinary approaches, and scholarly research through clinical experiences in literature classes; understanding purposes, genres, and conventions of written, spoken, media texts. Credit, 3 semester hours.

B. LITERACY EMPHASIS

ENG 5100. Rhetorical Grammar

Thorough study of advanced elements of English grammar, with emphasis on grammar knowledge as a rhetorical tool, to help writers understand grammatical choices available to them and the effects those choices have on readers. Grammatical principles are applied to students' own writing. Credit, 3 semester hours.

ENG 5200. Issues in Contemporary American English

Study of the characteristic features of contemporary American English in print and non-print media, dynamic factors in linguistic change, and concerns about the state of American English today. Credit, 3 semester hours.

ENG 5230. Advanced Creative Writing

Study and extensive practice in a variety of literary genres such as fiction, poetry, script and/or play writing, children's literature, and others. Workshop format. Credit, 3 semester hours.

SPE 5230. Spoken Communication

Study of the communication behaviors which influence our casual and business relationships. Review of intrapersonal, interpersonal, interview, group discussion, and public communication. Credit, 3 semester hours.

ENG 5440. Process Writing: Theory

Studies of the theoretical bases of process writing, especially those identified with The National Writing Project and The North Carolina Writing Project. Special attention to sequence in writing, writing to learn, and rhetoric; and to current research related to process writing, responding to and evaluating student writing. Summer Only. PREREQ: (1) Acceptance into North Carolina Writing Project at UNCP, (2) To be taken simultaneously with ENG 5450. Credit, 3 semester hours.

ENG 5450. Process Writing: Practicum

Applications of process writing, especially those identified with the National Writing Project and The North Carolina Writing Project. Special attention to heuristics, conferencing, and to current best practices, including collaborative learning/writing strategies and Writing Across the Curriculum. Summer only. PREREQ: (1) Acceptance into the North Carolina Writing Project at UNCP, (2) To be taken simultaneously with ENG 5440. Credit, 3 semester hours.

ENG 5500. Advanced Nonfiction Writing

Study and extensive practice in expository, persuasive writing, narrative, autobiographical and biographical forms. Topics may include creative non-fiction and modern literary journalism. Credit, 3 semester hours.

***ENG 5810. Phonetics and Phonology**

A study of the speech sounds that occur in the languages of the world will cover physiological properties of the speech producing apparatus, phonetic transcription using the international phonetic alphabet, and both theoretical and applied study of phonological patterns. Fall of odd-numbered years. Credit, 3 semester hours.

***ENG 5830. Second Language Acquisition**

An in-depth study of both theoretical issues in second language acquisition and the practical application of theory in the ESL classroom, including learning styles and strategies; the importance of affective factors and socio-cultural factors in language learning; contrastive analysis, interlanguage, and error analysis; and communicative competence. Spring of even-numbered years. Credit, 3 semester hours.

***ENG 5850. Cultural Issues of English as a Second Language**

A study of important cultural issues relevant to the teaching and learning of English as a second language, including bilingualism, differences in cultural patterns of perception and thinking, differences in what is considered appropriate student behavior and appropriate teacher behavior in a variety of cultures, and cultural differences expressed in verbal and non-verbal behavior. The importance of understanding and taking into account the cultural backgrounds of students in the teaching of ESL and the importance of teaching American culture as a part of ESL will also be considered. Fall of even-numbered years. Credit, 3 semester hours.

***TESL 5890. Applied Pedagogy of Teaching English as a Second Language**

Following a review of the pedagogical fundamentals grounded in cognitive, affective, and linguistic principles of second language acquisition, this course will focus on the practical realities of the language classroom, including curriculum development, lesson planning, evaluation of students and programs, and classroom management. Spring of odd-numbered years. Credit, 3 semester hours. PREREQ: ENG 3460, 3710, 5810, 5830, 5850.

*Indicates courses leading to Graduate Add-On Licensure in ESL

ENGS 5xxx (Numbers will vary). Special Topics in Literacy

Study of significant contemporary figures such as Freire, Kozol, Ong, Villanueva, Bahktin, Heath; topics such as rhetorical theory, adult, and/or family literacy. PREREQ: ENG 5000 recommended. Credit, 3 semester hours.

C. LITERATURE EMPHASIS**ENG 5030. North Carolina Literature**

Study of critically acclaimed fiction, drama, and poetry by North Carolina writers whose works are representative of contemporary Southern literature. Writers may include Paul Green, Doris Betts, Clyde Edgerton, Kaye Gibbons, Lee Smith, Jill McCorkle, Tim McLaurin, A. R. Ammons. Credit, 3 semester hours.

ENG 5050. Native American Literature

Study of the historical and continuing contributions of Native American authors to literary studies, especially within the United States. Particular attention will be paid to the intersections of Euroamerican and Native American traditions. Topics covered may include, contemporary issues, oral and written traditions, identity, place, colonization, displacement, and differing world views. Credit, 3 semester hours.

ENG 5300. Theories and Methods of Literary Research

Study of the major theoretical approaches to interpreting literature; application of research methodology to study of texts, periods, genres. Credit, 3 semester hours.

ENG 5610. Shakespeare Studies

An intensive study of Shakespeare and his work considering both Early Modern stage practice and Shakespeare's later cultural impact. Course emphasis may vary to include such issues as gender, genre, race, adaptation, and performance. The course may also provide an opportunity for a trip to Shakespeare's England. Credit, 3 semester hours.

ENG 5650. Americans in Paris

Study of works by American writers living and writing in Paris during the 1920's through 1950's and the ways in which the expatriate experience influenced American literature and literary modernism. Writers may include Stein, Hemingway, Fitzgerald, Wright, Baldwin, Miller, and the Beat poets. Students may have the opportunity for travel to Paris for seven to ten days to visit the sites studied during the course. Credit, 3 semester hours.

ENG 5750. Film Studies

An investigation of film in its cultural, social, and historical contexts; the film text in its various configurations, including a discussion of film narrative, film techniques, film history, the development of the medium and the industry, as well as a study of theory, criticism, and analysis. Topics may vary to include studies of critical methods, genre, directors, national cinema, and movements in film history. Credit, 3 semester hours.

ENGS 5xxx (Numbers will vary). Author Seminar

A seminar approach to the study of a literary figure whose substantial literary corpus may be investigated through primary texts, major scholarship, theoretical approaches, and bibliographical and textual study that situate the author within a particular literary, historical, or cultural framework. Credit, 3 semester hours.

ENGS 5xxx (Numbers will vary). Literary Topic Seminar

A seminar approach to the study of a particular, possibly interdisciplinary, topic in literary study. Topics may include literary theory, literature and the arts, Biblical literature, literature and myth. Credit, 3 semester hours.

ENGS 5xxx (Numbers will vary). Literary Period Seminar

A seminar approach to the study of a significant period of American, British, or world literature; texts are examined for the characteristics that define the period and as evidence of literary, historical, and cultural contexts. Possible periods for study are Medieval British Literature, English Romanticism, Literature of the English Renaissance, American Transcendentalism, American Literary Realism, Eighteenth Century Studies, and the Victorian Age. Credit, 3 semester hours.

ENGS 5xxx (Numbers will vary). Literary Genre Seminar

A seminar approach to the study of a particular literary genre or sub-genre seen in its genesis, maturation, and subsequent influence; possible topics include Courtly Literature, Romantic Poetry, Modern Poetry, The Bildungsroman, The Short Story, Modern World Drama, The Epic. Credit, 3 semester hours.

ENGS 5700-5750. Expanding Canon Seminar

A seminar approach to the study of a significant author, topic, period, or genre related to the expanding canon. The focus of this course might include Native American, African-American, Asian American, Women's, Latino/a, Post Colonial, regional, working-class, or other literatures. Credit, 3 semester hours.

D. THESIS**ENG 6010. Three-Credit Thesis**

A research paper produced during one semester, of at least 25-30 pages, that substantially develops through extensive revision a research paper that earned an A in a course taken during the student's first 21 hours in the Master of Arts in English Education; expanded research and writing under the direction of a faculty advisor (in whose course the original paper was submitted) and second reader who schedule meetings and submission of work throughout the semester. Graded on a Satisfactory (Pass)/Unsatisfactory (Fail) basis. PREREQ: Completion of 21 hours of graduate work. Credit, 3 semester hours.

ENG 6020. Six-Credit Thesis I

The first of two courses leading to a research paper of at least 40-60 pages, produced during two successive semesters, on a topic the student has not yet explored in a research paper previously submitted in a course taken during the student's first 21 hours in the Master of Arts in English Education; extensive, focused research and writing under the direction of a faculty advisor and two other graduate faculty members who schedule the student's meetings and submission of work. ENG 602 earns a grade of Satisfactory (Pass) upon the student's successful review of relevant primary and secondary sources culminating in an acceptable annotated bibliography and prospectus. Graded on a Satisfactory (Pass)/Unsatisfactory (Fail) basis. Credit, 3 semester hours. PREREQ: Completion of 21 hours of graduate work.

ENG 6030. Six-Credit Thesis II

The second of two courses leading to a research paper of at least 40-60 pages, produced during two successive semesters, on a topic the student has not yet explored in a research paper previously submitted in a course taken during the student's first 21 hours in the Master of Arts in English Education; extensive, focused research and writing under the direction of a faculty advisor and two other graduate faculty members who schedule the student's meetings and submission of work. ENG 603 consists of the student's drafting, revising, and submitting the completed, successful thesis to earn a grade of Satisfactory (Pass). Graded on a Satisfactory (Pass)/Unsatisfactory (Fail) basis. Credit, 3 semester hours. PREREQ: Completion of 21 hours of graduate work.

E. INTERNSHIP****EED 5810. Internship in Secondary English Education**

Ten week, full-time internship experiences in an off-campus public school setting appropriate for 9-12 English licensure. Credit, 3 semester hours. PREREQ: Approval of the English Education Program Director.

****TESL 5810. Internship in TESOL**

Ten week, full-time internship experiences in an off-campus public school setting appropriate for K-12 ESL licensure. Credit, 3 semester hours. PREREQ: Approval of the English Education Program Director.

**Required for M.A.T. candidates; see M.A.T. Program Handbook.