English, Literature or Composition Concentration, M.A.

Overview

The English M.A. programs are committed to helping you achieve your professional goals, whether you are a candidate seeking a program to prepare you for doctoral studies, an educator seeking professional development and advancement to help you in the classroom, or someone looking to hone your communication, research, and writing skills for a career in the professional world. Offering cutting-edge courses in literature, cultural studies, composition, and rhetoric, our accessible and accomplished faculty work closely with you to craft research projects and an overall course of study, as well as to create opportunities for you to bring your research into the wider world. **Credit hours required: 33**

Admissions

Applicants must meet the general requirements for admission to the College of Graduate Studies and Research. All applicants must submit a representative sample of academic or professional writing. Literature Concentration: applicants must have a BA in English (or a minimum of 30 credit hours of undergraduate work in literature and composition). Composition Concentration: applicants must have a BA in English, English Education, or a related field subject approved by Graduate Committee. Students who do not meet these requirements may be provisionally admitted and allowed to complete their undergraduate training at NEIU prior to taking courses toward the MA degree. **GRE: Not required**

Program of Study

**Literature Concentration:**
- ENGL 410 Literary Method and Practice......................... 3 cr.
- ENGL 430 Studies in Literary Criticism......................... 3 cr.
- Two American literature courses at the 400 level............ 6 cr.
- Three British literature courses at the 400 level........... 9 cr.
- Two electives................................................... 6 cr.
- ENGL 453 Thesis Seminar or two extra courses............ 6 cr.

**Composition Concentration:**
- Core Requirements.............................................. 6 cr.
- ENGL-433 Seminar in Composition Theory
- ENGL-435 Writing Assessment: Theory & Practice
- Core Electives..................................................... 18 cr.
- Free Electives..................................................... 9 cr.

For the list of courses, please see the University Catalog. Students can choose between a thesis or a non-thesis option. Both programs require a final written examination.

Subject to change. See current University catalog for up-to-date information.

Careers

- Teacher
- Creative Writer
- Editor
- Journalist
- Critic
- Public Relations Specialist
- Speech Writer
- Professor
- Communications Specialist

Attending Northeastern

- Classes are offered during the late afternoon and evening hours to accommodate professionals working full-time
- Students may attend either part-time or full-time
- Current in-state graduate tuition is less than $400 per credit hour (tuition & fees)
- Financial support: Financial aid (loans), merit tuition scholarships, and graduate assistantships are often available to help fund your graduate education. Contact us for further details.

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