

ENGLISH MA

Degree Requirements

The following requirements are in addition to, or further elaborate upon, those requirements outlined in The Graduate School Policy Guide (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/>).

Master's

Total Units Required: 9

Nine courses, at least five of which must be at the graduate level (400 or 500-level).

- Up to four courses can be from the list of approved upper-level undergraduate courses (300-level).
- Up to three courses may be taken in related departments.

Course	Title
Courses	
400- or 500-level courses (minimum 5 units)	
Approved 300-level courses (maximum 4 units)	
The nine courses above are subject to the following additional restrictions:	
Three seminars in related departments; can be at the 400-level or, with approval, the 300-level	
Two 400-level English Department courses focusing on pre-1800 literature ¹	
Two 400-level English Department courses focusing on post-1800 literature ¹	

¹ must be at the 400-level, ENGLISH 499-0 Independent Study is not an option

Other MA Degree Requirements

- **Capstone Essay:** The Capstone Essay will normally be a 20-25 page expanded version of an essay written for a 400-level English Department graduate seminar.

The MA is a terminal degree and is in no way linked to admission to the PhD program. MA students wishing to enter the PhD program must apply to that program.