

ENGLISH, M.A.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement 30 credits

Minimum Residence Credit Requirement 24 credits

Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement M.A.–applied English linguistics pathway: All required courses in the MA pathway in applied English linguistics must be taken for graduate credit when available. At least 21 credits out of the required 30 must be taken in graduate work.

M.A.–literary studies track: All coursework for this degree (30 credits) must be taken in graduate coursework.

Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement Policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/>)

Overall Graduate GPA Requirement 3.00 GPA required. This program follows the Graduate School's policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/>).

Other Grade Requirements n/a

Assessments and Examinations Contact the program for information on required assessments and examinations.

Language Requirements Demonstrate competence in one foreign language. MA/PhD students in Literary Studies will complete an additional language requirement.

REQUIRED COURSES

All coursework for this degree (30 credits) must be completed in English courses numbered 700 or above (with the exception of ENGL/MEDIEVAL 520 Old English and ENGL/MEDIEVAL 521 Advanced Old English Literature).

Applied English Linguistics (Terminal MA) pathway:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ENGL 314	Structure of English	3
ENGL 315	English Phonology	3
ENGL 514	English Syntax	3
ENGL 516	English Grammar in Use	3
Electives²		18
ENGL 316	English Language Variation in the U.S.	
ENGL 318	Second Language Acquisition	
ENGL 413	English Words: Grammar, Culture, Mind	
ENGL 414	Global Spread of English	
ENGL 415	Introduction to TESOL Methods	
ENGL 416	English in Society	
ENGL 417	History of the English Language	
ENGL 420	Topics in English Language and Linguistics	
ENGL/MEDIEVAL 520	Old English	
ENGL 708	Advanced English Syntax	
ENGL 709	Advanced English Phonology	
ENGL/SOC 710	Interaction Analysis: Talk as Social Organization	

ENGL 711	Research Methods in Applied Linguistics
ENGL 713	Topics in Contemporary English Linguistics
ENGL 715	Advanced Second Language Acquisition
ENGL 905	Seminar-Topics in Applied English Linguistics
ENGL 906	Seminar-The English Language
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Total Credits	30

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Of the 18 elective credits, at least six credits must be numbered 700-799 and at least three credits in coursework numbered 900-999.

Literary Studies Pathway

Students interested in the M.A. pathway should refer to the Ph.D. (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/english/english-phd/#requirementstext>) for more information on requirements. For the M.A. degree en route to the Ph.D. degree, students take a total of ten courses (for a total of 30 credits) in the Department of English and demonstrate competence in one foreign language. To ensure breadth of knowledge, the course requirements call for intensive study in different chronological and geographical areas. There is room too for electives within this stage of the program. These requirements must be completed before the beginning of the fifth semester. When the first stage requirements are completed, provided the student meets the program standards for satisfactory progress, he or she will be entitled to move into the second stage of the program.

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