

# ENGLISH

## Degree Requirements

### Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.)

Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-700 Professional Degree Policies (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

M.F.A. candidates are required to take 48 credits, distributed as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
ENGL 501	Materials and Methods of Research	3
12 credits of the following, at least 9 of which must be in the student's area of specialization : <sup>1</sup>		12
ENGL 512	The Writing of Fiction	
ENGL 513	The Writing of Poetry	
ENGL 515	The Writing of Nonfiction	
<b>Electives</b>		
9 credits in electives (400 or 500-level courses)		9
12 credits in literature at the 500-level		12
<b>Culminating Experience</b>		
ENGL 596	Individual Studies (for the final project) <sup>2</sup>	12
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>48</b>

<sup>1</sup> ENGL 512, ENGL 513, and ENGL 515 can be repeated for credit.

<sup>2</sup> Or at least 6 credits of ENGL 596 and 6 credits of English Department graduate seminars. Candidates will complete a book-length manuscript of publishable quality in their area of specialization.

### Master of arts (M.A.)

Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-600 Research Degree Policies. (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>)

Candidates for the M.A. take at least 30 credits of course work, with a minimum of 18 credits of 500-level courses, including:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
ENGL 501	Materials and Methods of Research	3
1 course in literary theory or rhetoric		3
2 courses in literature in English prior to 1800		6
2 courses in literature in English after 1800		6
<b>Electives</b>		
		<b>6</b>
<b>Culminating Experience</b>		
ENGL 596	Individual Studies (in which students complete their culminating master's paper)	6
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>

In addition, M.A. candidates must demonstrate reading knowledge of one of the following languages: French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, Latin, and Classical Greek. Other languages may be substituted with the approval of the Graduate Studies Committee.

### Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

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The Ph.D. degree does not require a specific number of credits although all students are required to have completed:

- ENGL 501 (or the equivalent),
- one course in rhetoric or theory,
- two courses in periods before 1800,
- and two courses in periods after 1800.

With the help of departmental graduate advisers, students select a program of seminars or reading courses. To complete their programs, students must pass a Ph.D. qualifying examination and pass a comprehensive examination (consisting of both written and oral components); and write a doctoral dissertation. The dissertation must be accepted by the Ph.D. committee, the head of the graduate program, and the Graduate School, and the student must pass a final oral examination.