**M.A. in English Degree Requirement Worksheet**

The program offers a two-year degree, which requires 30 hours of course work, at least three hours of which must represent research on a thesis. Students must also demonstrate reading knowledge of an approved foreign language.

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|  |  | **Course number/Professor/Semester** | **Credit Hours** |
| **GRSC 7001** |  |  |  |
| **ENGL 6890** (Research Methods) | Recommended for all MAs **(DDs MUST take it)** |  |  |
| **ENGL 6900W** (Academic Writing) | Required for all MAs |  |  |
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| **Core Requirements** | Pre-1800 Brit |  |  |
|  | Post-1800 Brit |  |  |
|  | American |  |  |
| **Area of Concentration** |  |  |  |
|  | Course 1 |  |  |
|  | Course 2 |  |  |
|  | Course 3 |  |  |
| **Non-Specialization** | Course 1 |  |  |
| **Electives** | Course 1 |  |  |
|  | Course 2 |  |  |
| **ENGL 7000/7300** (3 hours minimum) |  |  |  |

* Major Professor (1st year, Spring): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Advisory Committee (1st year, Spring): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Submit **Advisory Committee Form** (online) [1st year, Spring]
* **Research Skills Requirement** (2nd year, Fall): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Taking graduate level reading foreign language class (usually 2500) or by taking and passing the Foreign Language exam (see Handbook for specifics).

* After completing coursework, prepare and submit your final **Program of Study** (online).
* Please put asterisks next to **6000-level** courses that enroll only graduate students – you need at least five.
* Please put a hash mark next to your **8000-level** seminars – you need **at least** one.
* Only one elective outside the department can count toward the Program of Study.

Last semester of course work (early!): Prepare for defense/exam. Be sure to consult the Handbook and Graduate School Deadlines.

* Set a time for your M.A. defense and examination, agreeable to your committee.
* Inform the Graduate Office three weeks before the date of the examination.
* Three weeks before defense: Give your committee your capstone project, three papers, a reading list, and a Program of Study.
* Bring the following paper forms, filled out, to the defense: **Thesis Defense & Final Examination Approval**; **Electronic Thesis & Dissertation Submission Approval**

**General Examination**: At the end of their coursework, students must pass an oral examination covering their course of study, a portfolio of three essays written in their courses, and a selective list of major works studied. The student’s major professor will offer guidance on selecting the papers and compiling the reading list.

**Thesis Project**: The M.A. thesis project of about 50 pages is submitted for approval in the student’s final semester of study. It may be developed from a class paper or be the product of original research and study. It may take the form of an academic thesis (necessary for those considering a Ph.D. program here or elsewhere); a pedagogical study, such as a curriculum or a teaching approach to a text; or a project employing methods from one of the concentrations, such as computer program or an edition. All options require a written component, referred to institutionally as the thesis.

The thesis project is prepared under the guidance of the major professor and advising committee. Once the thesis is approved in final form, the student must pass a on-hour oral examination, given by the candidate’s committee.