

M.A. IN ENGLISH - WRITING, TEACHING, AND CRITICISM TRACK

Curriculum

Thesis Option

Code	Title	Credits
Required Core Courses for all English MA Students		
ENG 500	The Discipline of English Studies	3
ENG 501	Critical Theory	3
Required Courses for WTC Track, Thesis Option		
Composition and Rhetoric		
ENG 506	Critical Pedagogies & Literacies	3
PWP 502	Teacher as Writer	3
ENG 550	History, Form, & Ideology	3
or ENG 560	Locating Literature	
Select two additional courses from two of following areas:		6
Composition and Rhetoric		
Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project (PWP)		
Literature		
Electives		
Students are to select three electives from among courses in the following categories: General Topics and Theory, English Literature, American Literature, Comparative Literature, Composition and Rhetoric, Research and Special Topics, and PWP. One of the three electives may be selected from among all ENG categories—including those listed above and in the categories of Language, Teaching Skills, and Creative Writing—or from a different discipline, in cases where it would enhance the student's program of study.		9
Required Capstone Experience		
ENG 614	Capstone Writing and Research Seminar	3
ENG 616	Research Methods for Writing, Teaching and Criticism	3
Additional Requirements		
Non-canonical requirement: At least one course must be taken in a topic that addresses the writing, literature, and/or pedagogy relating to under-represented groups.		
PWP courses: No more than 12 credits (including the required six credits of PWP courses described above) may be taken in courses taught by PAWLP master-teachers.		
ENG 506, PWP 502, ENG 500 and ENG 501 are to be taken before the completion of 18 semester hours of graduate credit.		
Total Credits Required		36

Non-Thesis Option

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Required Core Courses for all English MA Students		
ENG 500	The Discipline of English Studies	3
ENG 501	Critical Theory	3
Required Courses for WTC Track, Non-Thesis Option		
Composition and Rhetoric		
ENG 506	Critical Pedagogies & Literacies	3
PWP 502	Teacher as Writer	3
ENG 550	History, Form, & Ideology	3
or ENG 560	Locating Literature	
Select two additional courses from two of following areas:		6

Composition and Rhetoric		
Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project (PAWLP)		
Literature		

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Students are to select three electives from among courses in the following categories: General Topics and Theory, English Literature, American Literature, Comparative Literature, Composition and Rhetoric, Research and Special Topics, and PWP. One of the three electives may be selected from among all ENG categories—including those listed above and in the categories of Language, Teaching Skills, and Creative Writing—or from a different discipline, in cases where it would enhance the student's program of study.

Required Capstone Experience		
ENG 614	Capstone Writing and Research Seminar	3
ENG 616	Research Methods for Writing, Teaching and Criticism	3

Additional Requirements
Non-canonical requirement: At least one course must be taken in a topic that addresses the writing, literature, and/or pedagogy relating to under-represented groups.
PWP courses: No more than 12 credits (including the required six credits of PWP courses described above) may be taken in courses taught by PAWLP master-teachers.
ENG 506, PWP 502, ENG 500 and ENG 501 are to be taken before the completion of 18 semester hours of graduate credit.

Total Credits Required 36

Sample Course Plan

To track their individual degree progress, students are advised to access their Degree Audit via RamPortal and consult their Graduate Coordinator. For more information, visit the Degree Audit FAQ webpage (<https://www.wcupa.edu/academicEnterpriseSystems/student-system-modernization/degree-audit-faqs.aspx>).

The following is a sample suggested course sequence for this program; course offerings and availability are not guaranteed. Students should consult their academic advisor with any questions.

Thesis Option

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
ENG 500	The Discipline of English Studies (offered every fall)	3
PWP 502	Teacher as Writer	3
ENG 550	History, Form, & Ideology (if one or the other is being offered)	3
or ENG 560	or Locating Literature	
or ENG XXX Either Comp/Rhet, PWP, or lit (see advising sheet/handbook)		
Credits		9
Spring		
ENG 501	Critical Theory (offered every spring)	3
ENG 506	Critical Pedagogies & Literacies (offered typically in spring)	3
ENG 616	Research Methods for Writing, Teaching and Criticism (offered typically in spring)	3
Credits		9

Year Two		
Fall		
ENG 550 or ENG 560	History, Form, & Ideology (if neither has been completed) or Locating Literature	3
	or ENG or PWP Elective (see advising sheet/handbook)	
PWP 502	Teacher as Writer	3
	or ENG XXX (noncanonical)	
ENG XXX	Either Comp/Rhet, PWP, or lit (see advising sheet/handbook)	3
Credits		9
Spring		
ENG 620	M.A. Essay	3
ENG 550 or ENG 560	History, Form, & Ideology (if neither has been completed) or Locating Literature	3
	or ENG or PWP Elective (see advising sheet/handbook)	
ENG XXX	Either Comp/Rhet, PWP, or lit (see advising sheet/handbook)	3
Credits		9
Total Credits		36

¹ Courses that satisfy other requirements can be used to fulfill this requirement, and then this slot can be fulfilled by an elective.

Note: No more than 12 credits (including the PWP courses described above) may be taken in courses taught by PAWL P master-teachers.

Non-Thesis Option

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
ENG 500	The Discipline of English Studies (offered every fall)	3
PWP 502	Teacher as Writer	3
ENG 550 or ENG 560	History, Form, & Ideology ((whichever one is being offered)) or Locating Literature	3
	or ENG XXX Either Comp/Rhet, PWP, or lit (see advising sheet/handbook)	
Credits		9
Spring		
ENG 501	Critical Theory (offered every spring)	3
ENG 506	Critical Pedagogies & Literacies	3
ENG 550 or ENG 560	History, Form, & Ideology (if neither has been completed) or Locating Literature	3
	or ENG or PWP Elective (see advising sheet/handbook)	
Credits		9
Year Two		
Fall		
ENG 614	Capstone Writing and Research Seminar (offered every fall)	3
ENG XXX	Either Comp/Rhet, PWP, or lit (see advising sheet/handbook)	3

ENG XXX or PWP XXX	Elective (see advising sheet/handbook)	3
Credits		9
Spring		
ENG 616	Research Methods for Writing, Teaching and Criticism	3
ENG XXX or PWP XXX	Elective (see advising sheet/handbook)	3
ENG XXX	Noncanonical course ¹	3
	or ENG or PWP Elective (see advising sheet/handbook)	
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