

# MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH (WRITING RHETORIC)

**Web Site:** <https://twu.edu/english-rhetoric-spanish/graduate-programs/ma-in-english/>

## Degree Requirements

### Total SCH Required

30 or 36 semester credit hours (SCH) beyond the baccalaureate, depending on the option selected.

**Thesis:** 30 SCH, including 24 SCH of coursework, 6 SCH for thesis, and 2-hour oral exam.

**Professional Paper:** 36 SCH, including 33 SCH of coursework, 3 SCH for professional paper, and 3-hour written comprehensive examination.

**Coursework:** 36 SCH and 3-hour written comprehensive examination.

## Writing and Rhetoric Track

### Required Courses

Code	Title	SCHs
ENG 5083	Bibliography and Research Methods	3
ENG 5103	Introduction to Graduate Studies in English	3

### Theory Course (choose one) 3

ENG 5283	Literary Criticism and Theory	
ENG 6283	Studies in Critical Theory	
ENG 6343	Major Rhetorical Theories	
ENG 5363	Studies in Linguistics (May substitute for one of the above theory courses by approval of the student's advisory committee)	

### Rhetoric (choose three) 9

ENG 5343	Rhetoric and Composition: Theory and Practice	
ENG 5353	Rhetoric and Composition: Multimodal Pedagogy	
ENG 6203	History of Rhetoric I	
ENG 6213	History of Rhetoric II	
ENG 6223	History of Rhetoric III	
ENG 6323	Studies in Feminist Rhetoric	
ENG 6313	Studies in Rhetorical Criticism and Discourse Analysis	
ENG 6343	Major Rhetorical Theories	
ENG 6403	Studies in Writing and Rhetoric	

### Writing Focused Course (choose one) 3

ENG 6063	Writing in the Discipline	
ENG 6083	Research Methods in Rhetoric and Composition	
ENG 6403	Studies in Writing and Rhetoric	

### Literature (choose one) 3

ENG 5113	Studies in World Literature	
ENG 5173	Studies in Ethnic, Multicultural, and Cross Cultural Literature	
ENG 5263	Studies in American Literature	
ENG 5403	Studies in British Literature to 1760	

ENG 5413	Studies in British Literature after 1760	
ENG 5433	Genre Studies	
ENG 5593	Studies in Literature by Women	
ENG 5703	Studies in Folklore	

**Total SCHs 24**

### Thesis Option

Code	Title	SCHs
ENG 5993	Thesis	3
ENG 5983	Thesis	3

**Total SCHs 6**

### Professional Paper Option

Code	Title	SCHs
ENG 5973	Professional Paper	3
Electives (approved in consultation with advisor)		9

**Total SCHs 12**

### Coursework Option

Code	Title	SCHs
Electives (approved in consultation with advisor)		12

**Total SCHs 12**

## Special Requirement

For the M.A. in English, competency in one research tool is required. Students must earn a grade of B or higher in all research tool courses.

Students on either track outlined will meet this requirement, thus no additional coursework is required. No course may be used to meet more than one departmental requirement.

## Research Tools

Includes 6-12 hours depending on the option selected. Students select one of the following options:

- 12 SCH in the same foreign language at the undergraduate level or 6 SCH at the graduate level (or the equivalent on a proficiency examination)
- 6 SCH of graduate-level American Sign Language
- 6 SCH of graduate-level computer science
- 6 SCH of graduate-level library science (only those concerning collections, information retrieval, and other research courses)
- 6 SCH of graduate-level English courses selected from this list: ENG 5083, ENG 5283, ENG 5343, ENG 5353, ENG 5363, ENG 6083, ENG 6283 and ENG 6343.

## Final Examination

The M.A. in English requires a two-hour oral examination which covers coursework and thesis (thesis option) or a three-hour written comprehensive examination (non-thesis options). The examinations will be taken during the last semester of coursework.

## Graduation Requirement

To allow for program-level assessment, MA students must electronically submit one of the following documents, as appropriate for their program, to the Graduate Program Coordinator: the thesis, the professional paper, or for those on the course work only option, a scholarly paper produced in one of their courses (chosen in consultation

with the student's advisor). Submission of the document is a requirement for graduation.

**Minor**

6-9 SCH, optional. The minor must be in a field in which TWU offers a graduate degree.