

# Online Master of Arts in English



**Obtaining your master's degree in English can greatly enhance the skills, knowledge and expertise you can bring to any professional field. Students can complete a Master of Arts in English degree either blended or fully online.**

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Master of Arts degree program in English is designed to strengthen professional skills for all fields and prepare students for continuing graduate study. The English M.A. enhances the student's intellectual and aesthetic life through the intense study of literature, writing studies, literary theory, film studies and linguistics. The Master of Arts degree program may be completed fully face-to-face, fully online or a combination of both face-to-face and online.

Earning a Master of Arts degree in English at Millersville University can hone your writing skills, strengthen your analytical abilities and sharpen your investigation skills. Earning a Master of Arts degree can help you change careers or enhance your current career. The English M.A. cultivates curiosity, openness and creativity as mindset approaches to support you as you develop skills and content knowledge. These mindset values, along with the skills obtained throughout a master's degree, strengthen your impact in the workplace.

## PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Flexible courses - Students are able to do coursework anywhere at any time.
- Courses offered fall, spring and summer
- Online pathways – Students can access coursework from anywhere, increasing the availability of courses that support critical and analytical thinking to more students.

## AREAS OF STUDY

Below are some of the areas that will enable you to expand your skill sets:

### • Narrative Studies: Literature and Film

Narrative Studies focus offers a breadth of courses in literature and the film studies. This focus provides students advanced training in critical interpretation and theory of a variety of media. This track enhances engagement with a diverse range of canonical and noncanonical texts, and exposes students to contemporary ideas about narratives.

### • Writing Studies: Rhetoric, Composition and Creative Writing

Writing Studies focus offers a breadth of courses in rhetoric, composition and creative writing. This focus provides students advanced training in theories of writing, theories of rhetoric, theories of creative writing and how they inform writing practices. This track enhances understanding of writing skills and exposes students to contemporary theories of writing.

### • Linguistic Studies

Linguistic Studies blends the study of linguistics and ESL. This focus provides students advanced training in theories of linguistics and how they inform teaching practices. This track enhances understanding of linguistics and exposes students to contemporary theories of teaching English as a second language.



## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Thirty-six (36) credits are required in order to complete the M.A. in English degree.

- **Graduate Core (6 credits)**
  - ENGL 614 Profession of English Studies (3)
  - ENGL 651 Literary Theory (3)
- **Narrative Studies: Literature and Film (choose one) (3 credits)**
- **Writing Studies: Rhetoric, Composition and Creative Writing (choose one) (3 credits)**
- **Linguistic Studies (choose one) (3 credits)**
- **English Electives (15-18 credits)**
- **Capstone Project (3-6 credits)**
  - Thesis
  - Creative Thesis
  - Curricular Artifact
  - ENGL 680 with a B or better
- **Foreign Language Requirement**

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

Some examples of career opportunities for our M.A. English graduates are:

- Editor
- Grant writer
- Author
- Content writer
- Tutor
- Technical writer
- Communications director
- Ph.D. student
- English teacher

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