

Online Master of Arts in English



Obtaining your master's degree in English can greatly enhance the skills, knowledge and expertise you 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 in English 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 will be completed fully online, with online synchronous class meetings.

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 program, strengthen your impact in the workplace.

AREAS OF STUDY

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

• Narrative Studies: Literature and Film

The Narrative Studies focus offers a breadth of courses in literature and 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

The 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.



"The M.A. program at Millersville University has allowed me to expand my existing base of knowledge and skills while providing invaluable insight into professional pathways I had not previously envisioned. Earning an M.A. in English has transformed me both personally and professionally. Pursuing this degree has given me time, space and guidance to reevaluate my expectations for what I want for myself and my future career. It has challenged me to reconsider my approaches to critical theories and pedagogies, creating new pathways for potential research and fulfilling career options."

– Becca Betty '25



PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Flexible courses focused on developing critical writing and thinking skills through contemporary approaches to English studies.
- 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.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Thirty (30) credits are required in order to complete the M.A. in English degree.

• Core (9 credits)

ENGL 651 Literary Criticism
WRIT 672 Rhetoric and Composition Theory
ENGL 614 Profession of English Studies (methods focus)

• Electives (21 credits):

Narrative Courses (6-9 credits)

Writing Studies Courses (6-9 credits)

Credit Electives (3 credits)

Capstone Project (3 credits)

Choose one of the following:

ENGL 699 Thesis/Creative Thesis/Curricular Artifact
WRIT 680 Digital Portfolio



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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



"Enrolling in the M.A. in English program at Millersville has been such a wonderful experience. As someone who is already a high school English teacher, this program has deepened my content knowledge and given me new ways to incorporate and reach my students through English content.



"For anyone looking for an M.A. in English program, I completely recommend Millersville University. It is an experience that has not only deepened my knowledge of English skills but also has formed new connections to pursue academic and professional goals."

– Megan Tyson, M.A. in English, 2024

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