

# ENGLISH (M.A.)

## Master of Arts Program

Program Code: MA-AH  
Major Code: ENG  
HEGIS 1501

## English Department

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The master of arts in English program is designed to provide flexibility in meeting individual student interests while ensuring a broad understanding of the significant areas within the professional study of English. The program builds upon students' undergraduate work in English by offering the opportunity to study several different areas of concentration in depth. It also serves as an excellent preparatory program for doctoral-level study in English.

## Advisement

Each student is assigned an academic adviser. All students must apply for candidacy after the completion of 6 credit hours and before the completion of 12 credit hours.

## Admission Requirements

1. A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale) in English and 2.75 overall.
2. 36 credit hours in English, at least 27 of which must be in English literature, exclusive of basic college writing.
3. Students must demonstrate competency in written English by submitting a writing sample of their best academic work. Students for whom English is an alternate language are required to submit evidence of passing TOEFL scores, as required by the SUNY system for international students.

In addition, all applicants should review the Admission to a Graduate Program (<http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/graduate/admission-graduate-program>) section in this catalog.

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses (18 credit hours) <sup>1</sup></b>		
ENG 601	RESEARCH IN LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE	3
Select one from the following:		3
ENG 644	IDEOLOGY AND LITERATURE	
ENG 645	LITERATURE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE	
ENG 652	LITERARY CRITICISM	

At least 3 credit hours in British Literature	3
At least 3 credit hours in American Literature	3
At least 3 credit hours in non-American, non-British literature	3
At least 3 credit hours in linguistics or genre study (ENG 670, ENG 641, ENG 642, or ENG 643)	3
<b>Comprehensive Examination (0 credit hours)</b>	
Comprehensive examination required for all students, 0 credit hours, to be taken after the completion of at least 24 credit hours.	0
<b>Elective Courses (12 credit hours) <sup>1</sup></b>	
In English or other academic areas, selected under advisement. Students are not required to produce a Master's Thesis or Master's Project, but if they choose either option, they must apply for permission from the department the term prior to beginning thesis or project work and be approved to undertake these options.	12
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup> Selected under advisement.

## Language Requirement

Prior to the completion of 18 credit hours, students must demonstrate competence in one foreign language, as well as in written and oral English.