TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

MA

English

Explore literary studies and creative writing. You will have the option of completing an academic thesis, a creative thesis or a graduate portfolio.

MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Full-time students are eligible for graduate teaching (GTRA) and/or administrative assistantships (GAA) that provide professional training in editorial work, event-planning, social media, and academic advising.



AS A GTRA/GAA, WORK CLOSELY WITH A MENTOR



36 CREDIT HOURS



DEGREE AVAILABLE ON CAMPUS OR ONLINE

WHY TRUMAN?

- Take a variety of creative writing and literature classes.
- Students can also opt to simultaneously earn an MA in Education in order to teach English.
- Recent graduates of Truman's English M.A. program have gone on to teach at high schools and community colleges, publish novels and poetry collections, pursue careers in higher education administration, publishing, media, and business, enroll in M.F.A. programs, and pursue law degrees.

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MA
English

(also available online)

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

Working closely with the Director of English Graduate Studies and their committee, students complete a culminating project that best meets their individual goals. Options include:

- **A critical portfolio** showcasing the breadth and variety of the analytical, creative, and professional work produced in the program.
- **A critical thesis** displaying the insightful reading, analytical skills, and appropriate research methods.
- **A creative portfolio** containing an in-depth revision of at least one creative work (up to 60 pages, depending on genre) and at least two other creative pieces that represent different forms, styles, audiences, and sources of inspiration.
- **A creative thesis** (a novel, memoir, collection of short stories, a cycle of poems, or other creative work) that has benefited from the intensive feedback, revision, and reflection on the artistic process.

Required Courses: 1-4 Credits

- **ENG 611G – Research in English (Thesis)** Credit(s): 1-4

OR

- **ENG 625G - Graduate Portfolio Seminar** Credit: 1

Students electing the thesis option must complete 4 total credits of **ENG 611G - Research in English (Thesis)**

Course Offerings: 32-35 Credits

- **ENG 504G - Advanced Creative Writing Topics** Credits: 4
- **(IP) ENG 506G - Theory and Practice of Teaching Literature** Credits: 4
- **(IP) ENG 507G - Theory and Practice of Teaching Writing** Credits: 4
- **ENG 602G - Studies in Literary Criticism** Credits: 4
- **(IP) ENG 608G - Management of Instruction: Secondary English Methods** Credits: 3
- **ENG 609G - Graduate Readings in English** Credit(s): 1-4
- **ENG 610G - Seminar in Literary Studies** Credit(s): 1-4
- **ENG 615G - Studies in Modern and Contemporary Literature** Credits: 4
- **ENG 616G - Studies in World Literature** Credits: 4
- **ENG 617G - Studies in Literary Genres** Credits: 4
- **ENG 618G - Studies in Diverse Literature** Credits: 4
- **ENG 621G - Studies in American Literature** Credits: 4
- **ENG 622G - Studies in British/Commonwealth Literature** Credits: 4
- **ENG 650G - Practicum** Credit(s): 1-4
- **ENG 655G - Graduate Seminar** Credit(s): 1-4
- **(IP) ENG 698G - Teaching Practicum: Writing as Critical Thinking** Credit(s): 1
- **(IP) LING 520G - ESOL Assessment Strategies for K-12 Learners** Credits: 3

(IP) denotes a course offered in person at the time of catalog publication

Note:

- Courses are taught online unless otherwise marked **(IP)** for in-person instruction.
- Most courses may be repeated under different topics. See the full catalog description for each course for details. Specific topics are listed each semester in open course lists.
- Many of our 600-level courses are offered with 1-, 2-, or 4-credit variations. See the semester open course list for details.
- No more than 12 combined credits of **ENG 609G** and **ENG 650G** may count toward the MA in English.
- All first-year English GTRAs are required to take 2 credits of **ENG 698G - Teaching Practicum: Writing as Critical Thinking (IP)**; 1 credit in the fall and 1 credit in the spring to coincide with their first year of teaching of **ENG 190.**

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Online application ($40 application fee)
- Professional statement (uploaded in online application)
- A 20-25-page writing sample (uploaded in online application)
- A professional resume or curriculum vita (CV)
- Two letters of recommendation (submit recommender's information in online application)
- Transcripts from all colleges and universities from which you earned college credit, including high school dual credit

Note: Truman students do not need to upload their transcript but should list Truman in the academic history portion of their application.

Ready to Take the Next Step?
Scan the QR Code
To Start Your Application.

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