ENGLISH AND LITERARY ARTS

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The Department of English and Literary Arts offers a PhD in English and Literary Arts with concentrations in creative writing and literary studies, as well as an MA with a concentration in literary studies.

Our major areas for dissertation research include creative writing: modern and contemporary British literature; American literature; American multicultural literature and Anglophone literatures; genre studies; and literary theory and rhetoric. We also offer course work in traditional literary fields, cultural studies, ethnic literatures and gender studies.

The University of Denver’s Department of English and Literary Arts is small and intimate, with 21 faculty members, all of whom publish widely and seek to translate their learning into shared experiences by working closely with students in and out of the classroom.

Because of our relatively small faculty, the department has the flexibility to allow students to tailor their degrees to their specific talents and interests. We do so with a distinctive curriculum that offers not only typical graduate seminars but also writing workshops, individually designed tutorials and colloquia devoted to teaching and professional development. Such a curriculum encourages students to cross genre boundaries in their writing, to relate theory to practice and to work creatively with scholarly projects.

Doctor of Philosophy in English and Literary Arts with a Concentration in Creative Writing

Degree and GPA Requirements

- Bachelors degree: All graduate applicants must hold an earned baccalaureate from a regionally accredited college or university or the recognized equivalent from an international institution.
- Masters degree: This program requires a masters degree as well
- Grade point average: The minimum undergraduate GPA for admission consideration for graduate study at the University of Denver is a cumulative 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for the last 60 semester credits or 90 quarter credits (approximately two years of work) for the baccalaureate degree. An earned master’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution supersedes the minimum standards for the baccalaureate. For applicants with graduate coursework but who have not earned a master’s degree or higher, the GPA from the graduate work may be used to meet the requirement. The minimum GPA is a cumulative 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for all graduate coursework undertaken.
- Program GPA requirement: The minimum undergraduate GPA for admission consideration for this program is a cumulative 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Standardized Test Scores

- The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required. Scores must be received directly from the appropriate testing agency by the deadline. The institution code for the University of Denver is 4842.

English Language Proficiency Test Score Requirements

The minimum TOEFL/IELTS/CAE test score requirements for this degree program are:

- Minimum TOEFL Score (Internet-based test): 80
- Minimum TOEFL Score (Paper-based test): 550
- Minimum IELTS Score: 6.5
- Minimum CAE Score: 169

English Conditional Admission: No, this program does not offer English Conditional Admission.

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**Doctor of Philosophy in English and Literary arts with a Concentration in Creative Writing**

**Degree Requirements**

**Course Requirements**

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Five courses distributed over three literary periods. Students must take at least one course in one period and at least two courses in the other two periods. Students may only take two approved 3000 level courses (ENGL 3800 and 3982) in the Department of English. Registration for any other ENGL 3000 level class must be made by special petition to be approved by the full Graduate Committee.

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### Graduate Tutorials (Students may take up to 5 tutorials, 10 credits total)

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### Three Graduate Professional Seminars (count towards the 48 hours of course work) 6 credits

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### Total Credits 90

**Minimum number of credits required for the degree: 90 graduate-level quarter hours beyond the master’s degree**

**Non-Course Requirements:**

- Preliminary advancement to candidacy
- Advancement to candidacy
- A dissertation of publishable quality that makes a significant contribution to its field. This will take the form of an extended scholarly and critical work (usually between 150 and 250 pages) OR a creative work (fiction or poetry). The creative dissertation must include a critical preface that situates the dissertation in its literary context.
- Oral defense. When the dissertation is completed, it must be defended by the candidate. For spring quarter graduates, the defense should take place by April 30. No dissertation defenses will be held during the summer quarter. The candidate is therefore advised to set the defense date as far in advance as possible. The defense takes the form of a discussion with the committee concerning the content, context and implications of the work.
- Tool (reading knowledge of one language) proficiency may be established by completing any one of the following:
  - Passing a standard reading examination accredited by the Department
  - Passing, with a grade of B or better, a 3000-level literature course in the language.
  - Successful completion of the Bibliography and Research Methods class in the Department of English.
  - Selection and successful completion of a cognate course in another department that will augment specific skills. This course must be approved by the Graduate Committee.
  - Successful completion of Old English (4 credits), followed by a “Beowulf” tutorial (2 credits), followed by an intermediate Old English tutorial (2 credits).
  - Successful completion of a graduate translation class (students must secure approval of instructor)
  - Successful completion of ENGL 3982 (Writers in the Schools)
  - The Tool requirement must be completed one quarter before graduation.
- Proposal & Prospectus review. By the end of the Fall quarter of the third year, students must submit a Dissertation Area Proposal to the director of graduate studies. This proposal is a brief description (250-300 words) of the proposed area of the dissertation; it must be signed by at least two dissertation committee members. Before the end of the Winter quarter of the third year of study, all students should complete the prospectus...
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- Written comprehensive exam. At the beginning of the third year of study, and after 48 hours of completed course work, all students will take a written comprehensive exam covering three (out of four) areas of study: (1) an author or major figure; (2) a genre; (3) a period; and (4) a second period or special topic. All choices must be approved by examiners and the graduate director. Students will prepare a reading list for each area in consultation with examiners. All lists must be signed by both examiners and on file with the graduate director by May 1 or the student will not be allowed to take the exam the following fall.

**Doctor of Philosophy in English and literary arts with a Concentration in Literary Studies**

**Degree Requirements**

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- ENGL 4100 Graduate Tutorial

**Three Graduate Professional Seminars (count towards the 48 hours of course work)**

- ENGL 4000 Colloquium
- ENGL 4702 Topics in English (Crit Imag)
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**Total Credits**

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Master of Arts in English and Literary arts with a Concentration in Literary Studies
Degree Requirements

Course Requirements
• 45 hours of course credit, up to 13 hours of which may be taken in graduate tutorials (ENGL 4100), independent research (ENGL 4995) and/or cognate courses outside the department.
• All course work for the MA should be taken at the University of Denver, but, in rare exceptions, a maximum of 10 credit hours may be transferred to count for the requirements if approved by the director of graduate studies and meet the University's transfer of credit policy.
• While students have no specific course requirements beyond the 32-hour minimum within the Department of English and the 13 hours of tutorials or cognate courses, they are advised to work closely with an adviser to determine a balance between coverage and focus. Students may only take two approved 3000 level courses (ENGL 3800 and 3982) in the Department of English. Registration for any other ENGL 3000 level class must be made by special petition to be approved by the full Graduate Committee. Courses must be completed within three years of enrollment (excluding ENGL 4995).

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Minimum number of credits required for the degree: 45

Non-Course Requirements
• Advancement to candidacy
• A thesis of at least 18,000 words. The thesis for an MA in literary studies is either a single scholarly/critical essay or two 30-page scholarly/critical essays. The thesis adviser must approve a prospectus for the thesis.
• Oral Defense. The defense takes the form of a discussion on the content, context and implications of the work.