



The **Master of Arts** in **English**

Master the English language and discover more than just the power of words.

Many may assume that a master's degree in English simply involves the in-depth study of classic literature. But in fact, developing critical and independent thinking, problem solving and communication skills, as well as participating with other learners and scholars, are at the heart of these studies and also prepare students for many possible careers.

Master of Arts in English

The Master of Arts in English at the University of Missouri–St. Louis provides many opportunities for students to excel because it fosters general skills that transfer to many careers that value expert interpretive and communicative abilities. It expands students' knowledge base of literature, as well as language theory, linguistics, rhetorical communication and the analyses of text. It also...

- Furthers the education and professional skills of high school and middle school teachers.
- Prepares students for PhD programs in English studies, American studies and Writing studies (including Disability and Museum Studies).
- Prepares students for employment as teachers of writing in collegiate settings.
- Provides the skills necessary for advanced work in journalism, editing, advertising, public relations and other fields.

Students in this 30-credit-hour degree program may pursue one of two areas of concentration, and may also elect a thesis option which requires a total of six hours of thesis credit.

Literature Emphasis

This track offers coursework that provides broad coverage of British and American authors. The literature thesis option may be a critical study of literary works or a theoretical exploration of issues related to literature.

Writing Studies Emphasis

This track offers coursework that primarily focuses on rhetorical and composition theory and practice, including Disability Studies. The thesis option varies widely according to the range of subjects and methods of investigation within this track's transdisciplinary disciplines. Each student's interest and faculty expertise guide the selection of subjects and investigative inquiry.

Transforming Lives

The Master of Arts in English at UMSL is earned through our College of Arts and Sciences, the academic core of the University of Missouri–St. Louis. Through academic programs offered on- and off-campus, traditional and nontraditional students gain knowledge, skills and intellectual leadership for a variety of career paths, advanced study and research in many academic disciplines.

Graduates are known for their professionalism on the job and their strong sense of civic responsibility. Students in our programs engage in creative and critical thinking, learn to analyze evidence, to appreciate patterns of complexity and to reflect on important issues that impact our daily lives. Students gain skill sets to prepare for a changing workplace that requires flexible, dynamic and well-educated employees.

The English department publishes the literary magazine Litmag, and also houses the UMSL Writing Center which provides students across campus with face-to-face and online tutoring appointments.

Serious education. Serious value.

The MA in English is designed to provide specialized knowledge, skills and training in a flexible format, with classes available in-person, online and in a hybrid format. You'll learn from highly qualified educators and researchers who hold terminal degrees from some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions.

The University of Missouri–St. Louis provides the knowledge, resources, tools, skills and support students need to be successful in our programs. Our comprehensive student support services include workshops, tutoring and career services to help you develop skills and strategies to be successful in the classroom and beyond. We're also committed to increasing access to higher education, and as such, UMSL is consistently ranked number one in affordability in the St. Louis region.

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The University of Missouri–St. Louis is the largest public research university located in Missouri's most populous and economically important region. UMSL provides high-quality, affordable education to one of the most diverse student bodies in the state. No university is better connected to the surrounding region than UMSL. More than 75% of our graduates stay in St. Louis. The region needs a well-equipped workforce, and UMSL is prepared to help you meet those needs. Choose the University of Missouri–St. Louis for English.

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