

The Master of Arts in LITERATURE

The specialization in American and English Literature requires 30 hours for completion of the Master of Arts degree. (Students admitted without having fulfilled the foreign language requirement must also complete at least one year in the same foreign language to complete the MA program).

3 Hours: Literary Studies and Theory

ENG 501 _____ (3 credits)

15 Hours: Literature

Students must complete five literature courses, no more than three of which may be at the 400-level.

Literature Course _____ (3 credits)
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6-9 Hours: Electives

All three electives may be taken in literature, but no more than two electives may be taken in a single area of study outside of a student's specialization, such as creative writing or linguistics. Electives may also be taken in other departments with the approval of the graduate director.

Any Elective _____ (3 credits)
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3-6 Hours: Exit Requirements

In consultation with a chosen project director, students select one plan to complete the exit requirements (courses may be repeated twice). Note that a prospectus explaining your project and the number of credit hours required is expected during your first semester of exit coursework. This should be signed by your adviser and submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies. Details are available here:

<https://www.siu.edu/artsandsciences/english/graduate/thesis.shtml>

(1) Thesis plan: Enroll in 599 and submit an acceptable thesis. The candidate must also pass a one-hour oral defense.

ENG 599 _____ (3 or 6 credits)

-OR-

(2) Exit Project: Enroll in 598 and complete an acceptable exit plan. The candidate must also pass a one-hour oral defense.

ENG 598 _____ (3 or 6 credits)

30 Hours Total

Total Credit Hours Completed _____ (30 credits)/ FL Req. _____

Important Graduate School Deadlines:

Graduation Application form: This is due at the midpoint of the semester. Exact dates for each semester are listed on the Graduate School website.

Submission of first draft of the thesis via ProQuest: The deadline for this requirement falls two weeks before the end of the semester/thesis defense date. See the Graduate School website for exact dates.

Last day to defend thesis or exit project: As a rule, this deadline is aligned with the last day of Final Exams. See the Graduate School website for exact dates.

Final thesis submission date falls in the first week of the following semester.

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