

English MASTERS Requirements

Name:

ID:

Date:

Additional Programs (Certificates etc.):

1 2 Language and Rhetoric Courses | 6 Credits Not Complete -

Course	Semester	Grade
1. EGL 509 Studies in Language and Linguistics		
2. EGL 506 Topics in Literary Theory		
3. EGL 592 Problems in the Teaching of Writing		

2 3 Topics Courses | 9 Credits | In at least 2 different topic areas Not Complete -

Course	Topic if course taken twice	Semester	Grade
EGL 584 : Topics in Genre Studies			
EGL 585 : Topics in Cultural Studies			
EGL 586 : Topics in Gender Studies			
EGL 587 : Topics in Race, Ethnic or Diaspora Studies			
EGL 588 : Writing Workshops			

3 4 Elective Courses | 12 Credits | Not Complete -

Course	Semester	Grade
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

4 Masters Thesis | 3 Credits Not Complete -

Title	
Director	
Second Reader	
Date Completion	

General Major Information

English Major Summary

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Credits Required:

- **Total:** 30 credits (10 courses)
No course may fulfill more than one requirement.

Grades & Policies:

- 3.0 overall GPA, Pass course with B or higher.
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MA Thesis Guide

Department of English | Graduate Program



Before the Thesis Semester

1. Brainstorm Topics

Start thinking about potential thesis ideas based on coursework, research, or areas of interest.

2. Choose a Thesis Director

Select a faculty member who:

- Knows your work
- Gives thoughtful feedback
- Is responsive and reliable

3. Meet & Confirm

Schedule a meeting the **semester before** you plan to write. Ask if they'll serve as your director.

4. Complete the Approval Form

To enroll in **EGL 598**, you'll need:

- Your thesis director's signature
- A second reader's signature
- The Graduate Program Director's signature



Submit this form to the academic program coordinator for enrollment permission.



During the Thesis Semester

5. Select a Second Reader

Choose someone familiar with your work who can provide meaningful and timely feedback.

6. Plan Your Timeline

- Thesis length: **30–40 pages**
- Set milestones: drafts, meetings, revisions
- Loop in your second reader early



Have a complete draft ready 1 month before classes end.

7. Build in Time for Revisions

Revisions are expected. Finish early so:

- Both readers can review thoroughly
- You have time to revise
- Final approvals are not rushed



Finishing & Submitting

8. Format Your Thesis

- Follow **Graduate School** formatting rules
- Your thesis is a **public, archived document**
- Treat it as a publication—not just a class paper

9. Collect Signatures (In Ink)

- Director, second reader, and Grad Director must sign
- No scanned/digital signatures allowed
- Get this done during the **last week of classes**



Pro Tip: Write Early

We strongly recommend writing your thesis **one semester before graduation**.

This gives you a buffer in case major revisions are needed.



Summary Checklist

- Meet with director and second reader (semester before)
- Submit thesis approval form
- Begin writing early in the semester
- Share drafts regularly with both readers
- Complete full draft by **1 month before term ends**
- Revise and finalize
- Get original signatures
- Submit formatted thesis to Graduate School