

# Master of Arts in English - Writing

The master of arts in English emphasizes the comprehensive study of literature in course work and specialized study in a thesis. It is designed for people who plan to teach in high school (already certified) or in college, to pursue careers requiring a high level of communication skills, or to pursue further graduate work in English or related fields.

The purposes of the MA degree are to:

- Introduce students to the ongoing professional conversations in English studies.
- Develop in students the ability to be articulate in writing and in oral discussions of their scholarly and creative work.
- Encourage students to have confidence in their individual responses to literature and to adopt other critical theories and perspectives when appropriate.
- Enable students to make appropriate use of a wide range of resources: works studied in courses and independent reading, as well as secondary and bibliographic materials.

Advanced courses in English emphasize literature viewed from a variety of theoretical perspectives and provide practical training in literary research and criticism. Other advanced courses focus on film, linguistics, scientific/technical and creative writing, and theories of pedagogy, writing and rhetoric.

## Why UW-Eau Claire

### Rankings / Reputation / Well-funded programs

U.S. News World Report magazine consistently ranks UW-Eau Claire among the top public regional universities in the Midwest in its annual America's Best Colleges guidebook.

Four UW-Eau Claire professors have been recipients of Wisconsin Professor of the Year awards.

UW-Eau Claire is a member institution of The Council of Graduate Schools and is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

## Special Admission Guidelines

### Prerequisites

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.
- A minimum of 24 credits in English. Deficiencies in credits will be made up at the undergraduate level.
- An undergraduate grade-point average of 3.25 in English course work and 3.0 overall (or 3.15 in the second half of all undergraduate work) on a 4.0 scale.

### Application Requirements

To apply to the MA in English program, an applicant must submit the following documents:

- A completed application for graduate admission and the application fee,
- official transcripts from all post secondary institutions previously attended,
- a letter of intent that explains your academic and career goals and expectations, and
- a writing sample, such as an undergraduate research paper (Literature and Textual Interpretation emphasis) or a fiction or poetry (Writing emphasis), that represents your best work.

To apply for a graduate assistantship, fellowship, or the Advanced Opportunity Program (AOP), please also complete the online Graduate Assistantship/Fellowship/AOP Application on the admissions website. Applications completed by March 1 will receive priority consideration for assistantships, fellowships, and AOP grants; however, applications completed thereafter will

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