The Master of Arts in English: English Studies option offers a broad range of courses in literature, rhetoric, theory, and creative writing which not only deepen students’ understanding of classic and modern humanist texts, but provide much needed opportunity for the development of critical and creative thinking, crucial for nurturing the global citizen. Such development prepares students for a workplace which will continue to evolve in a changing twenty-first century world. The Master of Arts in English: English Studies also provides fundamental preparation for doctoral work, or for entry into other advanced professional schools.

Master of Art in English: English Studies candidates deepen their understanding of fundamental texts in British, American and World literatures, language principles and critical theory. They also hone their critical and creative writing skills. The program consists of 36 credit hours, comprised of 18 core credit hours, 9 credit hours of other required courses, and 9 elective credit hours. Considerable latitude within these three categories allows students the opportunity to design their programs for entry into doctoral or professional school, for teaching at the high school or community college level, or to prepare for a virtually limitless number of non-teaching professions.

**English Studies students will...**

- Critically analyze British, American and World literatures and language
- Use a wide array of critical theory
- Engage in primary and secondary research
- Develop critical thinking
- Develop critical and/or creative writing skills
- Develop professional presentation skills
- Receive professional attention from a faculty advisor with expertise in the field of literature and language

**Why should I study English Studies at Southeast?**

Faculty in the English Studies option at Southeast come from a varied and impressive array of graduate schools from around the United States, which makes for a rich and diverse educational experience. Such diversity is necessary for the development of critical and creative thinking that will guide candidates to further academic and/or professional programs, or for work in a global workplace.

**Career Planning**

Graduates of the Master of Arts in English: English Studies option can look forward to rewarding careers in teaching (at the high school or community college level). They may also continue their education in doctoral or professional programs. They may also apply their critical and creative thinking skills in the workforce in areas such as publishing or in the business sector.

**Internship and Employment of Recent Graduates/Graduate Schools and Programs of Recent Graduates**

- High school teachers
- Community college and university instructors
- Ph.D. programs
- Law school programs
- Library science programs
- Government agency employment
- Editing in publishing houses

**Admission Requirements**

1. A bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university
2. A minimum of 24 undergraduate credit hours in the field of English
3. An undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 point scale
English: English Studies

Master of Arts (M.A.)

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### CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

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<th>Core Requirements – 18 hours</th>
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**Choose two writing courses:**

- __EN550 Style in Writing (3) |
- __EN572 Creative Non-Fiction Essay (3) |
- __EN670 Advanced Creative Writing: Poetry (3) |
- __EN678 Advanced Creative Writing: Fiction (3) |

**Choose one theory/linguistics course:**

- __EN535 Rhet Theor/Write Disc (3) |
- __EN686 Sociolinguistics (3) |
- __LI605 Anglophone Lit/Contemporary Thry (3) |
- __LI658 Literary Criticism (3) |
- __UI500 History of the English Language (3) |
- __UI501 Principles of Language (3) |

**Electives – 9 hours**

- __EN694 Thesis (3)* |
- __LI615 Teaching Practicum in Literature (3) |
  OR
- __EN615 Teaching Practicum in Writing (3) |
- __Independent Study (3)* |
- __Additional literature courses at the 500-600 level |
- __Additional writing courses at the 500-600 level |
- __Additional theory or linguistics courses at the 500-600 level |
- __Teaching assistant seminars (6) |

**English Studies Option Requirements - 9 hours**

- Choose one British literature course before 1800:
  - __LI560 Chaucer (3) |
  - __LI577 Studies in Early English Literature (3) |
  - __LI665 Shakespeare (3) |

- Choose one British literature course after 1800:
  - __LI578 Studies in Later English Literature (3) |
  - __LI605 Cont Anglophone Lit/Con Theory (3) |
  - __LI676 Early 20th-Century British Literature (3) |

- Choose one American literature course:
  - __LI565 Southern Literature (3) |
  - __LI668 Nineteenth Century American Novel (3) |
  - __LI570 Modern and Contemporary Novel (3) |
  - __LI571 Modern American Poetry (3) |
  - __LI576 American Fiction, Twenty-First Century (3) |
  - __LI621 Cross-Cultural American Voices (3) |
  - __LI674 Studies in Modern American Literature (3) |

*Maximum of 3 hours may be taken

### Degree Requirements

- All students must complete a thesis, a graduate paper plus a comprehensive exam, or a capstone project.
- No course taken as part of an undergraduate degree program may fulfill any MA requirement.
- EN694 Thesis may be taken for 3 credit hours only (for those opting to write a thesis).
- At least 18 credit hours must be at the 600 level.
- No course fulfills more than one requirement.