

## MA in English: Planning Worksheet & Suggested Timeline

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### Degree Requirements

The Master of Arts program consists of 27 credit hours of letter-graded course work with an overall GPA of 3.0 or better and (at least) a 3 credit Master's Paper. Note that English 764: Teaching Strategies is required of all GTAs who have not taken a similar class elsewhere.

#### A. MA Core, 9 credits

\_\_\_\_\_ 760: Graduate Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_ Credits: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 762: Critical Theory \_\_\_\_\_ Credits: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 755: Composition Theory or 756: Composition Research \_\_\_\_\_ Credits: \_\_\_\_\_

#### B. Rhetoric/Writing/Linguistics and Literature, 12 credits

*Students select, in consultation with their advisor, two courses from each category.*

Rhetoric/Writing/Linguistics, 6 credits

\_\_\_\_\_ Course No./Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Credits: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Course No./Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Credits: \_\_\_\_\_

Literature, 6 credits

\_\_\_\_\_ Course No./Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Credits: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Course No./Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Credits: \_\_\_\_\_

#### C. Other/Electives, 6 credits

*Students select, in consultation with their advisor, two courses from either category above from inside the English department. NOTE: Courses may be at the 600- or 700-level; additional courses, from outside the department, may be recommended by the student's academic advisor if they clearly match the student's research and deepen his/her understanding of the field. A request for substitution needs to be submitted prior to course enrollment and be approved by the graduate director.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Course No./Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Credits: \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### D. Foreign Language Requirement

*Master's students need to demonstrate intermediate (200-level or 2<sup>nd</sup> year) competency in one foreign language by the time the program of study is completed.*

1<sup>st</sup> Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Certified: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Certified: \_\_\_\_\_

#### E. Prospectus

*Students are required to submit and defend a prospectus after they have formed a supervisory committee and before they formally begin to write their Master's Paper. The prospectus is a brief overview of the master's project that provides the committee with (in this order) the proposed problem and topic, the anticipated research method, a review of extant literature, a description of the study, the projected results and impact on the existing body of knowledge on the topic, and an anticipated timeline for completion.*

Proposed MA Paper Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MA Paper Director: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Member/Department, College: \_\_\_\_\_

**F. MA Paper, 3 credits**

*The Master’s Paper will demonstrate a thorough understanding of existing knowledge and the ability to apply that existing knowledge to a problem of interest. Master’s Papers grow out of work completed for a course or undertaken as an independent study. The degree culminates in the oral defense of the polished Master’s Paper (ca. 35-50 pages, incl. front matter and bibliography) by the MA candidate and administered by the student’s supervisory committee. Note that students need to be enrolled continuously for a minimum of 1 credit while working on their Master’s Paper.*

\_\_\_\_\_ English 797: MA Paper (1-3 credits per semester) \_\_\_\_\_ Credits: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Graduate Student	Date	Academic Advisor	Date

**Suggested Timeline to Degree Completion (2-year MA)**

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**Year One, Fall Semester (6 credits suggested)**

English 760: Graduate Scholarship (3 credits)  
 English 764: Classroom Strategies for TAs *or* an English elective (3 credits)

**Year One, Spring Semester (6-9 credits suggested)**

English 755: Composition Theory *or* 762: Critical Theory (3 credits)  
 English course in Rhetoric/Writing/Linguistics (3 credits)  
 English course in Literature (3 credits)

**Year One, Summer (0-3 credits suggested)**

English course in Rhetoric/Writing/Linguistics, Literature, or Summer Scholar offering Complete Language Requirement

**Year Two, Fall Semester (6-9 credits suggested)**

English course in Rhetoric/Writing/Linguistics *or* Literature (3 credits)  
 English elective (3 credits)  
 English 797: MA Paper (1-3 credits)

**Year Two, Spring Semester (6-9 credits suggested)**

English 755: Composition Theory *or* 762: Critical Theory (3 credits)  
 English course in Rhetoric/Writing/Linguistics or Literature (3 credits)  
 English 797: MA Paper (1-3 credits)

**Year Two, Summer (0-3 credits suggested)**

English course in Rhetoric/Writing/Linguistics, Literature, or Summer Scholar offering  
 English 797: MA Paper (1-3 credits)