

English, MA

Modality

On Campus

Program URL

<https://english.georgetown.edu/graduate-program/>

The Master of Arts program in English is dynamic, innovative, and committed to offering students a breadth of choice and a variety of opportunities for scholarly and professional specialization and development. Graduates aspire to careers in writing, editing, teaching, and many other fields that require advanced skills in written communication, critical analysis, and research.

Academic Policies

The academic policies and procedures of the English program are those specified in Georgetown University's Bulletin.

Requirements

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Students are required to complete 24 credits plus the completion of a master's thesis. Students typically register for the MA Thesis Seminar in their third semester.

Thesis Requirements

By the end of the second semester, students must identify a general topic or focus for their thesis project. Guided by the preferences of faculty and students, the Director of Graduate Studies and the Program Administrator will match students with a project advisor and second reader.

Options for the thesis include traditional critical, scholarly projects, as well as multimodal and public outreach projects. The program expects theses to reflect original research, analysis, and writing with considerable depth and complexity appropriate to Master's level work. As such, scholarly and critical theses should fall between 15,000–22,000 words, where 1 page = approximately 250 words in length. Equivalent in scope to the scholarly and critical thesis, a multimodal, and/or public outreach thesis project should include a written rationale of at least 7,500–10,000 words in length. Most students also build out the latter thesis projects using digital tools; however, the public outreach thesis option does not require previous technical expertise.