

A wide range of degree options and areas of concentration is offered in English at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, including the Master of Arts in English (MA), and the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS). The Master of Arts in English at UTRGV is designed to meet the growing need for advanced degrees in the 21st century. Though each of these concentrations meets specific academic interests and provides for a wide range of career tracks, all Master of Arts in English degrees meet the state requirements for teaching Concurrent Enrollment and Dual Enrollment courses, as well as teaching positions at state universities and community colleges. Depending on your academic and career interests, you will find a wide array of choices in your graduate studies.

English Studies is a general degree plan which encompasses the fundamental aspect of an English Master's Degree by combining the three disciplines of writing, language and literature. If you're looking for a well-rounded degree with broad application for teaching English Language Arts, dual enrollment, Advanced Placement classes at community college or as an adjunct, this plan is entirely appropriate. It also serves as a stepping stone toward professional career paths such as administration.

Literatures & Cultural Studies is a specialized degree plan that focuses on literature, theory and literary philosophy. It's a valuable plan for anyone wanting to teach a part-time adjunct, lecturer, 12 grade AP, dual enrollment or work in publishing, communications, or professional writing. If you're interested in expanding your depth of knowledge of literature, critical theory and possibly pursuing a PhD in literature, this is the plan for you.

For more information on Linguistics/ESL and Rhetoric & Composition degree plans, please look inside!

### Find Us Online:

<https://www.utrgv.edu/literatures/graduate/ma-in-english/index.htm>

## Available Courses

### ENGL 6301: Studies in Literary Theory

Extensive study of major works, figures and topic in literary theory.

### ENGL 6308: Studies in Mexican American Literature

Advanced study of the literature by and about Mexican Americans, with emphasis on the literary techniques and the cultural reflections in this literature. May be repeated for credit when the topic varies.

### ENGL 6311: Studies in Gender and Literature

A study of literature and culture in relation to the question of gender identity, with special emphasis on feminist, gender, and queer theory as well as the literary conventions, movements, and histories that inform gender identity.

### ENGL 6313: Studies in Post-Colonial Studies

Study of particular topics, motifs, theoretical approaches, and historical movements in postcolonial literature and culture.

### ENGL 6356: Children's Literature

Study of selected literature written for young readers. Includes attention to contemporary children's literature by Latino/a authors in school curriculum. Course may focus on selected eras, approaches, or themes.

### ENGL 6357: Young Adult Literature

Study of selected literature written for early adolescent to late adolescent readers. Includes attention to contemporary young adult literature by Latino/a authors in school curriculum. Course may focus on selected eras, approaches, or themes.

### ENGL 6315: Topics in Cultural Studies

Study of the discipline of Cultural Studies with emphasis on its theoretical basis, significant historical movements, relevant political developments, and various cultural artifacts.

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## MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

### Information on Concentrations in English Studies, and Literatures & Cultural Studies



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**Literatures & Cultural Studies**

## LITERATURES & CULTURAL STUDIES CONCENTRATION DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

### Required Courses – 12

ENGL 6300: Introduction to Literary Studies – 3  
ENGL 6301: Studies in Literary Theory – 3  
Choose from Rhetoric/Composition Graduate Courses – 3  
Choose from Linguistics Graduate Courses – 3

### History/Period Courses – 6

*Choose from the following:*

ENGL 6302: Studies in Literary History – 3  
ENGL 6304: Studies in British Literature – 3  
ENGL 6305: Studies in American Literature – 3

### Gender, Ethnic and Cultural Studies – 6

*Choose from the following:*

ENGL 6308: Studies in Mexican American Literature – 3  
ENGL 6309: Studies in Literatures of the Americas – 3  
ENGL 6310: Studies in Ethnic Literature – 3  
ENGL 6311: Studies in Gender and Literature – 3  
ENGL 6315: Studies in Cultural Studies – 3

### Transnational Literature – 3

*Choose from the following:*

ENGL 6306: Studies in Comparative Literature – 3  
ENGL 6313: Studies in Post-Colonial Studies – 3

### Genre or Single Author Courses – 3

*Chosen from the following:*

ENGL 6303: Studies in Genre – 3  
ENGL 6312: Studies in Single Author – 3

*Choose one of the following options:*

#### Thesis Option:

#### Capstone Requirement – 6 Thesis

ENGL 7300: Thesis I – 3  
ENGL 7301: Thesis II – 3

#### Non -Thesis Option:

Literature/Cultural Studies Electives – 6

#### Capstone Requirement Portfolio

Total graduate hours for degree: 36

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR ENGLISH WITH A CONCENTRATION IN

To be admitted to the graduate program in English, prospective candidates must first meet all requirements for graduate admission to UT Rio Grande Valley, as well as the other requirements listed below:

1. Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution in the United States or a recognized international equivalent in English or a minimum of 12 upper-level undergraduate hours in English or related field.

2. Undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 in the last 60 semester credit hours.

3. Writing sample, a written academic paper suitable for an upper-division course

The Linguistics/ESL plan focuses on language and developing a deeper understanding of how language systems work. Such a plan would help those intending to teach bilingual students or dual enrollment.

The Rhetoric/Composition plan focuses on writing, teaching, writing and how we use writing to accomplish specific goals. Whether technical, creative, academic or professional, if you're interested in the "writing" side of ELA and/or teaching first year composition, this is for you.

For information on Linguistics, Rhetoric, Composition & Literacy Studies, or the Professional Writing MAIS contact:

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## ENGLISH STUDIES CONCENTRATION DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

### Required Courses – 18

Choose from Literature and Cultural Studies Graduate Courses – 6

Choose from Rhetoric, Composition and Literary Graduate Courses – 6

Choose from Linguistics Graduate Courses – 6

- Students must take one introduction/research methods course from any of the three disciplines within the first 9 hours of graduate study.
- Students must take one theory course from any of the three disciplines within the first 18 hours of graduate study.  
*Choose one of the following options:*

#### Thesis Option:

#### English Elective Coursework – 12

*Choose from among the English graduate courses with advisor approval*

#### Capstone Requirement – 6 Thesis

ENGL 7300: Thesis I – 3  
ENGL 7301: Thesis II – 3

#### Non-Thesis Option:

#### English Elective Coursework – 18

*Choose from among the English graduate courses with advisor approval*

#### Capstone Requirement Portfolio

Total graduate hours for degree: 36