REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN ENGLISH  
(TOTAL GRADUATE UNITS 30)  
Average Course Load: 2-3 courses per semester  
Average time: 2-3 years

MANDATORY COURSES REQUIRED IN ALL THREE OPTIONS:

- English 604 Seminar in Language and Linguistics (3 units) (offered every semester)
- English 638 Seminar in Critical Approaches (3 units) (offered every semester)
- Graduate (500-600) level course in literature (3 units)*
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*Three 620’s, three 630s, two 622s, and two 623s may be taken as long as the individual class topics are not repeated.

*400 level courses **may not** be used for required graduate level (500-600) literature courses. Students may take up two 400-level courses with the approval of Dr. Baxter via the “400-Level Consent Form before the end of the first week of the semester.”

Classified graduate students who have completed 12-15 units of graduate study should make an appointment with Dr. Baxter (kent.baxter@csun.edu) in order to draw up a contract/formal program. Before students can enroll in their culminating experience, they must have a formal contract on file with the English Department.

**Students must apply for graduation once they complete 24 units.**

Writing Samples: In order to be considered for the Creative Writing (CW) or the Rhetoric and Composition (RC) option, students must submit a writing sample. For more information on writing samples, please contact Dr. Hall for CW and Dr. I. Clark for RC. Please note that admittance to either option is neither automatic nor guaranteed.

Consult the English Department M.A. Program Calendar of Important Dates for submission deadlines.

**OPTION-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:**

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**Two graduate-level courses in literature**

Engl___ (500-600) level course in literature
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**One core CW requirement**

Engl 652 Creative Writing Studies

**Three courses in creative writing**

Engl___ CW Course
Engl___ CW Course
Engl___ CW Course

**Culminating Experience:**

Engl 698D GRADUATE PROJECT +
only offered Spring semesters
Engl___ (One elective English course)+

Culminating info sessions are mandatory. Please check calendar for dates

Note: No grade below C can be used for students’ formal program and must be repeated. Repeats must be approved by Dr. Baxter and Graduate Studies before semester starts. Please email Dr. Baxter for advisement

### LITERATURE

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**Two graduate-level courses in literature**

Engl___ (500-600) level course in literature
Engl___ (500-600) level course in literature

**One core Lit requirement**

Engl. 601 Seminar in Scholarly Methods & Bibliography

**Three courses in literature**

Engl___ Lit Course
Engl___ Lit Course
Engl___ Lit Course

**Culminating Experience:**

Engl 697C LIT EXAM +
Engl___ (One elective English course)
Engl___ (One elective English course)

because exam carries no unit weight

OR:

Engl 698D GRADUATE PROJECT +
only offered Spring semesters
Engl___ (One elective English course)

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### RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION

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**Two graduate-level courses in literature**

Engl___ (500-600) level course in literature
Engl___ (500-600) level course in literature

**One core RC requirement**

Engl 651 Rhetoric and Composition Theory

**Three courses in rhetoric, composition or study of language**

Engl___ RC Course
Engl___ RC Course
Engl___ RC Course

**Culminating Experience:**

Engl 697C RC EXAM +
Engl___ (One elective English course)
Engl___ (One elective English course)

because exam carries no unit weight

OR:

Engl 698D GRADUATE PROJECT +
only offered Spring semesters
Engl___ (One elective English course)

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All elective courses for all options must be approved by Dr. Baxter