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

The Master of Arts Degree in English provides all of its students with a solid core in linguistics, critical theory, and literary/cultural analysis. All students are also required to complete a common culminating experience in their final semester. To supplement this core, students in each option must take a common methods course and then they are allowed to take three specialized courses in the areas of creative writing, literature, or rhetoric/composition.

CORE COURSES (REQUIRED IN ALL THREE OPTIONS):
1. English 604, Seminar in Language and Linguistics
2. English 638, Seminar in Critical Approaches
3. Graduate Level Literature Courses (Choose two): English 525, 617, 620, 622 (Lit), 623 (Lit), 624 (Lit), 630, or 654 (Lit)
4. Exam/Project (Choose one): English 697C (Lit and R/C only) or 698D
5. Elective Course (Choose one if taking 698D; Choose two if taking 697C): English 512, 525, 600A/B, 608, 609, 617, 620, 622, 623, 624, 630, or 654

OPTION-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:
CREATIVE WRITING
1. Methods Course (English 652)
2. Three Required Creative Writing Courses
3. Concurrent Workshop with English 698D

LITERATURE
1. Methods Course (English 601)
2. Three Required Courses in Literature

RHETORIC/COMPOSITION
1. Methods Course (English 651)
2. Three Required Courses in Rhetoric/Composition

Notes:
Students may take up to three 525s, 620s, and 630s, and up to two 622s, 623s and 654s as long as the individual class topics are not repeated.

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

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. Leilani Hall for CW and Dr. Irene Clark for RC. Please note that admittance to either option is neither automatic nor guaranteed.

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 (697C or 698D), they must be classified, have a formal contract on file, have submitted both the “intent” form and receipt for graduation application, and attended the mandatory Capstone Graduate Project 698D Information Session.

Students must apply for graduation one year in advance of expected graduation date.

No grade below C can be used for a student’s formal program and must be repeated. Repeats must be approved by Dr. Baxter and Graduate Studies before semester starts.

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