

M.A. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
Writing, Teaching, and Criticism Track, *Thesis Option*

I. Required Core Courses for all English MA Students (6 semester hours)

1. ENG 500 – The Discipline of English Studies
2. ENG 501 – Critical Theory

II. Required Courses for WTC Track thesis option (15 semester hours)

Composition and Rhetoric

1. ENG 506 – Critical Pedagogies and Literature

Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project (PAWLP)

2. PWP 502 – Strategies for Teaching Writing

Literature

3. Either ENG 550 (History, Form and Ideology) or ENG 560 (Locating Literature)

Two additional courses from two of following areas:

1. Composition and Rhetoric*
2. Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project (PWP)**
3. Literature***

III. Electives (9 semester hours)

Students are to select three electives from among courses in the following categories: General Topics and Theory, English Literature, American Literature, Comparative Literature, Composition and Rhetoric, Research and Special Topics, and PWP. One of the three electives may be selected from among all ENG categories—including those listed above and in the categories of Language, Teaching Skills, and Creative Writing—or from a different discipline, in cases where it would enhance the student's program of study.

IV. Required Capstone Experience (6 semester hours)

ENG 616 – Research Methods for Writing, Teaching and Criticism
ENG 620 – M.A. Essay (thesis)

IV. Additional Requirements

1. *Non-canonical requirement*: At least one course must be taken in a topic that addresses the writing, literature, and/or pedagogy relating to under-represented groups.
2. *PWP courses*: No more than 12 credits (*including* the required six credits of PWP courses described above) may be taken in courses taught by PAWLP master-teachers.
3. ENG 506, PWP 502, ENG 500, and ENG 501 are to be taken before the completion of 18 semester hours of graduate credit.

*Students are to select one course from among those listed in the Composition and Rhetoric category. Some versions of ENG 615 may also be selected. For course categories, see the *Graduate Catalog* or *Handbook for English Graduate Students*. (3 semester hours)

**Students are to select one course from among those listed in the Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project (PWP) category. (3 semester hours)

***Students are to select one course from among those listed in the categories of General Topics and Theory, English Literature, American Literature, and Comparative Literature. Some versions of ENG 615 may also be selected. (3 semester hours)

COURSE SELECTION WORKSHEET
M.A. in English, Writing, Teaching, and Criticism Track, Thesis Option

I. Required Core Courses for all English MA Students (6 semester hours)

Requirement	Semester Completed
ENG 500-The Discipline of English Studies	
ENG 501 – Critical Theory	

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II. Required Courses for WTC Track, thesis (15 semester hours)

Requirement	Course Name and Number	Semester Completed
ENG 506		
PWP 502		
ENG 550 or ENG 560		
Two Courses from two of the following areas: 1. Composition and Rhetoric 2. Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project 3. Literature	Course #1	
	Course #2	

III. Electives (9 semester hours)

Course Name and Number	Semester Completed	Free Elective? (yes/no) (one free elective is allowed)
1.		
2.		
3.		

IV. Capstone Experience (6 semester hours)

Requirement	Semester Completed
ENG 616 – Research Methods for Writing, Teaching and Criticism	
ENG 620 – M.A. Essay	

Thesis Director:

Thesis Proposal Approved:

Thesis Approved:

V. Additional Requirements

(Courses that satisfy requirements listed above can also be used to satisfy the non-canonical requirement.)

Requirement	Course Name & Number	Semester Completed
Non-canonical		

PAWLP classes: Fewer than 12 credits taken with Master Teacher? Yes No

Cleared for graduation (date): _____