

# Program Change Request

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## In Workflow

1. ARSC Dean Initial
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4. Registrar Initial
5. ENGL Chair
6. ARSC Curriculum Committee
7. ARSC Dean
8. Global Campus
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10. University Course and Program Committee
11. Graduate Committee
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## Approval Path

1. 09/16/16 9:24 am  
jdurdik: Approved for ARSC Dean Initial
2. 09/16/16 1:02 pm  
pkoski: Approved for GRAD Dean Initial
3. 09/19/16 10:58 am  
agriffin: Approved for Director of Program Assessment and Review
4. 10/03/16 5:18 pm  
lkulcza: Approved for Registrar Initial
5. 10/04/16 11:02 am  
dstephen: Approved for ENGL Chair

- 6. 10/10/16 4:46 pm  
fspiegel: Approved for ARSC Curriculum Committee
- 7. 10/10/16 5:04 pm  
jdurdik: Approved for ARSC Dean
- 8. 10/11/16 3:40 pm  
pritchey: Approved for Global Campus
- 9. 10/13/16 3:10 pm  
tmartin: Approved for Provost Review

### History

- 1. Mar 20, 2015 by calison
- 2. Apr 3, 2015 by calison
- 3. May 12, 2016 by lxp04
- 4. Jun 7, 2016 by calison

Catalog Pages Using this Program [English \(ENGL\)](#)

Submitter: User ID: calison

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Academic Level Graduate

Select a reason for the proposed change: Making Minor Changes to an Existing Degree (e.g. changing 15 or fewer hours, changing admission/graduation requirements, adding Focused Study)

Program Status Active

Academic Unit Major/Field of Study

Are you adding, changing or deleting a concentration? **No Yes**

Action	Proposed Code	Proposed Name

Are you adding, changing or deleting a track? **No Yes**

Action	Proposed Code	Proposed Name

Are you adding, changing or deleting a focused study? **No**

Action	Proposed Code	Proposed Name

Effective

Catalog Year	Fall <b>2017</b> <del>2016</del>
College, School, Division	Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)
Department Code	Department of English (ENGL)
Program Code	ENGLMA
Degree	Master of Arts
CIP Code	23.0101 - English Language and Literature, General.
Program Title	English, Master of Arts
Method of Delivery	On Campus
Is this program interdisciplinary or use courses from another College?	No
Does this change the total hours needed to complete the program?	No

## Program Requirements, Description and 8-Semester Plan

# Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree

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For further information about the Master of Arts Degree program, visit the ["M.A./Ph.D. in English" pages](#) on the English Department website.

In addition to the general requirements of the Graduate School, the department stipulates that the following conditions be met:

1. Each candidate must complete a total of 30 credit hours.
2. Each candidate must take:
  1. **ENGL 5203 Introduction to Graduate Studies (Irregular)**, ~~ENGL 5203 Introduction to Graduate Studies (Irregular)~~, one course emphasizing theory, and two courses at the seminar (6000) level
  2. **ENGL 5213 Portfolio Workshop (Sp)** ~~ENGL 5213 Portfolio Workshop (Sp)~~ (and successfully present a portfolio for the final project) or six thesis hours (and successfully defend a thesis for the final project)
    1. The candidate's portfolio or thesis, which will be used to fulfill the comprehensive exam requirement for the degree, is evaluated by faculty committee and scored Pass/Fail.
3. Each candidate must also select either the Generalist Concentration or the Specialist Concentration and take the following courses:

1. Generalist Concentration (Portfolio Track)
  1. Two courses selected from two of the following three areas: Medieval Literature and Culture; Renaissance Literature and Culture; Restoration and Eighteenth-Century British Literature and Culture
  2. Three courses selected from three of the following five areas (at least one course being in British literature and at least one course being in American literature): Nineteenth-Century British Literature and Culture; Modern and Contemporary British Literature and Culture; American Literature and Culture before 1900; Modern and Contemporary American Literature and Culture; World Literature and Culture in English
  3. Three elective courses offered by the Department of English or as approved by the student's graduate advisor
2. Generalist Concentration (Thesis Track)
  1. Two courses selected from two of the following three areas: Medieval Literature and Culture; Renaissance Literature and Culture; Restoration and Eighteenth-Century British Literature and Culture
  2. Three courses selected from three of the following five areas (at least one course being in British literature and at least one course being in American literature): Nineteenth-Century British Literature and Culture; Modern and Contemporary British Literature and Culture; American Literature and Culture before 1900; Modern and Contemporary American Literature and Culture; World Literature and Culture in English
  3. Two elective courses offered by the Department of English or as approved by the student's graduate advisor
3. Specialist Concentration (Portfolio Track)
  1. Five courses in one of the following areas of specialization: Comparative Literature; Cultural Studies; Ethnic and Regional Literatures; Gender and Sexuality; Medieval Literature; Modern American Literature; Rhetoric, Composition, and Literacy
  2. Three elective courses offered by the Department of English or as approved by the student's graduate advisor
4. Specialist Concentration (Thesis Track)
  1. Five courses in one of the following areas of specialization: Comparative Literature; Cultural Studies; Ethnic and Regional Literatures; Gender and Sexuality; Medieval Literature; Modern American Literature; Rhetoric, Composition, and Literacy
  2. Two elective courses offered by the Department of English or as approved by the student's graduate advisor
4. Each candidate must demonstrate a reading knowledge of a language other than English that is relevant to the student's area of study. French, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Ancient Greek, and Latin are the normally acceptable choices, although other languages may be used with the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies. (For details about this requirement, see section 2, a-c, under "Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree," below.)
5. Each candidate must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.33 for the total number of hours presented for the degree and may take a maximum of one course at the 4000 level for **credit with approval from the Director of Graduate Studies.** ~~credit.~~

**Graduate Student Appeal Process: Any M.A. student who is notified that he or she is being dismissed from the graduate program due to inadequate progress toward his or her degree has the right to appeal such a decision. The process for appealing is as follows:**

- 1. The student may contact the Director of Graduate Studies to determine whether the student can take further steps to avoid being dismissed from the program.**
- 2. If the Director of Graduate Studies advises the student that the student can take no further steps to remain in the program, the student may appeal this decision to the Department Chair.**
- 3. If the Department Chair advises the student that the student can take no further steps to remain in the program, the student may appeal this decision to the Graduate Council.**

**If the Graduate Council advises the student that the student can take no further steps to remain in the program, the student will be dismissed from the program.**

Students should also be aware of Graduate School requirements with regard to [master's degrees](#).

Are Similar Programs available in the area? Yes  
 List institutions offering the Program:  
 University of Central Arkansas (Conway) - M.A. Program in English  
 Arkansas Technical University (Russellville) - M.A. Program in English  
 Why is the Program needed if offered at other institutions?  
 The English M.A. program at UCA does not offer a specialist concentration or a generalist concentration that emphasizes coverage. The English M.A. program at ATU offers a specialist concentration only in TESL and does not offer a generalist concentration that emphasizes coverage.

Estimated Student Demand for Program: 10-15

Scheduled Program Review Date: 2019-2020

Program Goals and Objectives: NA

Learning Outcomes: NA

Description and justification of the request:

Questions regarding this program proposal should be directed to Leigh Sparks, Asst. Director of the MA and PhD Programs, Dept. of English, lxp04@uark.edu .

Added the phrase, "with approval from the Director of Graduate Studies" to the end of item #5 for clarity.

Added information describing the graduate student appeal process.

Justification: The Department of English requests that an explanation of an appeal process be added at the end of the English MA section of the catalog so that MA students are provided a clear explanation of how they can appeal a decision that they be dismissed from the MA program.

Program reviewer comments

Uploaded attachments: