

English MA Plan 1 with Thesis:

Basic Requirements:

- o 27 hours of coursework (or 9 courses). At least six of the hours (two courses) you take toward your degree should be at the 600 level.
- o 6 hours (two courses) of [EH 699](#) must be taken in your last two semesters as a student. You cannot take more than 3 hours (one course) of EH 699 per semester.
- o You must complete all work toward your degree within 10 years of the first course you take.
- o Up to 9 hours of graduate work in English may be transferred from other institutions with the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies. To be a full-time student, you will need to take a course load of 9 hours per semester. While you are permitted to take up to 13 semester hours per term, you should consult with the Director of English Graduate Studies about doing so.
- o You must maintain a 3.0 GPA in all courses taken at the graduate level. If in any semester your cumulative GPA falls below that 3.0 level, you will be placed on probation.

Thesis:

This program leads to an M.A. in English and includes the thesis option. You take 27 hours of coursework (9 courses) in English, plus six hours of thesis credit ([EH 699](#)) pursued during your final two semesters. At the end of the semester before they begin thesis hours, a graduate student should select a thesis committee consisting of a director and two other faculty readers. The thesis project culminates in an oral thesis defense. See the [Graduate School information page for thesis project deadlines](#). Also, please consult the [Graduate School's Thesis Manual for formatting protocols](#). A thesis can either be a creative project such as a novel, a novella, a chapbook of poems, or series of short stories; or an expansive research project such as the study of one or more authors, genres, or literary/cultural periods. You will propose and develop your own ideas for the thesis. Since thesis work is conducted independently out of the classroom, you must be willing and able to abide by the university timelines and keep yourself on a strict schedule.

Theses usually are in the range of 60-80 pages, though they may be significantly longer or a bit shorter. You will work out these details in consultation with your thesis chair.

For any questions regarding the thesis requirements, contact the Director of English Graduate Studies. A thesis must be completed in the Spring or Fall semester. It is not possible to schedule thesis defenses during the Summer semester.