

English MA Plan 1 with Thesis:

Basic Requirements:

- 27 hours of coursework (or 9 courses). At least one-third of the hours you take toward your degree should be at the 600 level.
- At least 18 hours in your program should be courses in literature.
- You must complete all work toward your degree within 10 years of the first course you take. Courses taken between 6 and 10 years prior to your degree program completion date must be re-validated by departmental exams negotiated with the specific faculty member who has responsibility for that course; any graduate course more than 10 years old may not be used.
- Up to 9 hours of graduate work in English may be transferred from other institutions with the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies. At least 9 hours in English courses numbered 500 or above must be completed here at UAH (exclusive of thesis hours).
- 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.
- 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 up to six hours of thesis credit ([EH 699](#)). The six hours would ordinarily be spread across a minimum of two semesters, generally toward the end of your program. A graduate student should select a thesis committee consisting of a chair and two other faculty. The thesis project culminates in a thesis defense. See the [Graduate School information page for thesis project deadlines](#). Consult the [Graduate School's Thesis Manual for formatting protocol](#). For more on the thesis, contact the Director of English Graduate Studies. **Please be advised** that since most faculty members are on nine-month contracts and thus not employed by the university during the summer, it is usually not possible to schedule thesis defenses between mid-May and mid-August.