

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

JANE WONG, HSS DEAN

Master of Arts in English (ENGL_MA_01)

Jo Carney, Coordinator, Graduate Program in English

The Master of Arts in English offers students an advanced program of study with specialization in literatures in English. The program stresses contemporary literary theories and sound practices in research and writing. Although many students are part-time and take longer, full-time students may complete the degree in less than two years. For additional flexibility, credit is awarded for supervised independent study, research conducted with a faculty member, and independent research culminating in a master's thesis.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution
- Letters of recommendation
- Writing sample

Graduation Requirements

30 credits

Required Courses 6 cr.

- ENGL 505/ Contemporary Literary Theory and Methods
- ENGL 550/ Seminar in Poetry

Electives 24 cr.

At least 18 elective credits must be from department offerings

Comprehensive Examination: ENGL 700

Five-Year Master of Arts in English (ENGL_MA_01)

(for TCNJ students only—Full Five-Year Undergraduate/ Graduate Program)

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This accelerated program offers candidates the opportunity to graduate in five years with a BA and MA in English. Enrolled students benefit in many ways: with 10 graduate seminars, combined BA/MA graduates possess far more core content knowledge about literature, literary theory, and language; and with a graduate degree, students will be more competitive in local, regional, and national job markets. With just one extra year of study, undergraduate Secondary Education students can market themselves as highly-qualified teachers of English and Language Arts.

Admission Requirements

TCNJ English majors apply in the fall semester of the junior year to the English Department through the MA Graduate Program in English web-site—<http://englishgrad.pages.tcnj.edu/>. Minimum GPA requirements are 3.0 cumulative, 3.4 in the English Major. GRE requirements and application fees are waived. Students must have completed 16 courses (through their 4th semester), including required foundational literature courses and 1 upper level (300- and 400-level) courses.

Students take their first two graduate courses in the spring semester of the senior year. These courses are not included in the undergraduate degree or GPA.

Required Courses Senior Year 6 cr.

- ENGL 505/ Contemporary Literary Theory and Methods
- Elective (must be from departmental offerings that do not require special permission)

Formal admission to the MA Program in English occurs after conferral of the Bachelor's degree and the successful completion of the two graduate level English classes (one of which must be ENGL 505: Contemporary Literary Theory and Methods). Successful completion of the English Content Exam is also required for ENGT.

Students then begin post-bachelor's Graduate Coursework in the summer following commencement. Students complete the remaining 5 elective courses and 1 required course in one academic year of full-time study.

Required Courses 5th Year 24 cr.

ENGL 550/ Seminar in Poetry

Electives (At least 18 elective credits must be from department offerings. Up to 2 courses can be taken outside of the English department or at other institutions with approval of the Graduate Coordinator.)

Comprehensive Examination: ENGL 700

Students complete the required Culminating Experience in either the final Spring or final Summer semester (ENGL 700: Comprehensive Exam). No exceptions can be made for the completion of the total 10 required courses of graduate coursework or for the completion of the Comprehensive Exam in English.

For more information about the program and the application process, see the English department website—<http://englishgrad.pages.tcnj.edu/>.

Graduate Certificate in Gender Studies (WGST_CER01)

Janet Gray, *Coordinator, Graduate Certificate Program in Gender Studies*

The Graduate Certificate in Gender Studies offers students an advanced interdisciplinary program of study with specialization in gender. The program stresses cutting-edge scholarship on identity, politics, literature, and social theory as it pertains to gender, as well as sound practices in research and writing.

The program is designed for both part-time students, who may take longer to complete it, and full-time students, who can complete it in a year and a summer. Many of the credits in the certificate program may be applied toward an MA in English. It is NECESSARY that students pursuing the Gender Studies Graduate Certificate enroll in ENGL 505 Literary Theory prior to taking any other English Graduate courses, as ENGL 505 is THE prerequisite to ALL OTHER GRADUATE CLASSES IN ENGLISH. ENGL 505 can count as one of the three electives towards the Gender Studies Certificate.

Admission Requirements

Bachelor's degree from an accredited or approved institution
(Also see Graduate Opportunities section of Bulletin)

Graduation Requirements

15 credits

Required Courses

6 cr.

Students will choose two courses from the following Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) graduate courses:

WGST 500/ Gender, Culture, and Society

WGST 510/ Feminist Theory

WGST 520/ Gender Equity in the Classroom

REQUIRED ENGLISH GRAD COURSE

ENGL 505/ Contemporary Literary Theory and Methods **3 cr.**

Electives

6 cr.