

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

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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)

Jo Carney, Coordinator, Graduate Program in English

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 and Sexuality Studies (WGST_CER01)

Janet Gray, Coordinator, Graduate Certificate Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies

The Graduate Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies offers an advanced interdisciplinary program of study grounded in contemporary issues and current scholarship. The Gender and Sexuality Studies program is designed to serve both part-time and full-time students who are preparing for professional careers, students who are already working professionals, and students who are preparing for further graduate study. The program can be completed on its own or combined with the Masters programs in English or Counselor Education. A special track in Gender, Sexuality, and Disability Studies is recommended for New Jersey public educators preparing to mainstream LGBTQ and Disability studies in their classrooms in compliance with NJSB 1569.

Admission Requirements

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

Graduation Requirements

15 credits

Required Courses (three options)

6 cr.

Option A

Students pursuing careers in education who have not previously taken Feminist Theory.

WGST 510 Feminist Theories

WGST 520 Gender Equity in the Classroom OR EDFN 627 Critical Pedagogies

Option B

Students who have taken Feminist Theory or are not pursuing careers in education.

WGST 510 Feminist Theories or WGST 520 Gender Equity in the Classroom

One WGST 570 or 670 Topics course. Any WGS course at the 300 level or above may be cross-listed as WGST 570 or 670. See the WGS course list.

Option C

Students who have already taken Feminist Theories and have either taken Gender Equity in the Classroom or are not pursuing careers in education.

Two WGST 570 or 670 Topics courses

Electives

9 cr.

Gender and Sexuality Studies certificate alone

- WGST 570 or 670 courses
- ENGL courses approved for Gender Studies. Contact the Coordinator for information on upcoming courses.
- COUN 560 Counseling Girls and Women
- COUN 561 Counseling Boys and Men

The following WGST 570 or 670 Topics courses are recommended for those pursuing the Gender, Sexuality, and Disability Studies track (check with the coordinator about schedule of offerings):

- Feminist Disability Studies
- LGBTQ Issues in K-12 Education
- Queer Studies
- Trans Studies

- LGBTQ History
- Queer Literature
- Gender and Disability in Literature

English MA + Gender and Sexuality Studies certificate

- ENGL 505 Contemporary Literary Theory and Methods (required)
- ENGL courses approved for Gender and Sexuality Studies

Counseling MA + Gender and Sexuality Studies certificate

- COUN 560 Counseling Girls and Women (required)
- COUN 561 Counseling Boys and Men (required)
- COUN 698 Department Project in Counseling (focused on gender and/or sexuality) (required)