Master of Arts English

Who pursues this program?
- Students from many disciplines because writing and analytical thought are central to many endeavors
- Student backgrounds include English degrees, and other degrees from the Humanities
- Students of all age groups
- Currently employed teachers who would like to advance their knowledge and gain promotion in current positions

How does the program work?
- Three courses are offered each semester and meet once a week.
- Courses are scheduled in afternoons and evenings.
- Most courses are face-to-face, with occasional hybrid or online courses.
- Thesis or non-thesis options.

How will this degree benefit me?
A graduate with M.A. in English completes his/her degree with an ability to read closely, speak and communicate with interest, passion and clarity about literature and ideas. Students improve their critical, rhetorical and creative abilities with written and spoken language. Graduates become more articulate leaders in their communities and workplaces.

What courses will I take?
The English program has strong emphases in Shakespeare; Modern Literature; British, American and World Literatures; the American West; and Pedagogy and Theory. The department currently holds two endowed professorships -- in Shakespeare and in Western Studies. Generous fellowships are currently available for students choosing to focus on the American West.

Students complete 36 hours of coursework, or 11 classes, and May choose between a thesis or non-thesis option, depending on their interests and plans

What sets this program apart from other programs?
West Texas A&M University’s graduate program in English is a small program dedicated to personal, one-on-one academic relationships between professors and students. Classes are seminar-style discussions where motivated students meet to articulate their love of literature and their commitment to clear writing and discussion. Faculty members often mentor promising students and help those students deliver paper-presentations at national conferences.

The department is a collegial and dedicated group of faculty members and graduate students. We invite you to contact us for more information and will be happy to discuss your goals and plans with you.
Admission Criteria and Application Guidelines

**Full Admission**
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher
- 30 semester hours of English
- Official GRE Scores in the 50th percentile or higher in one or more categories (math, verbal, or analytical writing)

**Deadline to Apply**
- Fall admission: August 1
- Spring admission: December 1
- Summer admission: May 1

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