

Master of Arts in English Advanced Track

The Master of Arts in English advanced track is a five-year combined BA/MA program that allows students to earn both degrees in succession through integrated coursework. Students will complete 30 hours of graduate-level coursework, 6 during their final year in the undergraduate program and 24 after advancing. The program has two subplans: Thesis and Non-thesis. The Thesis track requires 6 credits of “ENG 797- Thesis,” and both tracks require “ENG 700- Bibliography and Methods.”

Plan Admission Requirements

Accomplished UNLV undergraduates may apply for an Advanced Program Track after completion of 75 credit hours. Students admitted to the program must complete 6 credits of graduate-level work in their senior year with a B or better and must satisfy all of the requirements for the BA in English in order to advance to graduate status. Students must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for the Advanced Program Track:

- 1. Minimum of 3.5 GPA in English courses**
- 2. Department chair or graduate coordinator’s recommendation**
- 3. Submission of two letters of recommendation to the English department graduate coordinator no less than two weeks before the beginning of the semester for which they would like to register for graduate courses**

Plan Degree Requirements

- 1. No more than a total of 6 credit hours may be selected from 600-level courses.**
- 2. A comprehensive examination is required of each M.A. student, who will choose either a three-hour written exam or a sixty- to ninety-minute oral exam and prepare a reading list for the examination with the supervision and approval of the advisor and the examination committee. The reading list will comprise at least twenty authors, and the selections should recognize diversity of genre, gender, culture, and period. At least seventeen of those authors should be chosen from the master reading list on the English Department website. Three other authors not on the master list may be added. If taken during the semester of graduation, the exam must be scheduled no later than three weeks before the end of classes The Graduate College designates deadline dates for each semester. See graduatecollege.unlv.edu.**
- 3. Students must demonstrate competency in the reading of one foreign language. This requirement may be satisfied by earning a B or better in WLC 198 or by passing a translation examination (with aid of a dictionary) administered and evaluated by the English Department.**
- 4. A master's thesis, which carries six credits, is optional. It is normally written during two consecutive semesters and must conform to the guidelines set forth by the Graduate College in this catalog and in its Thesis and Dissertation Manual.**
 - a. In consultation with his/her advisor, a student will organize a thesis committee of at least three departmental members. In addition, a fourth member from outside the department, known as the Graduate College Representative, must be appointed. An additional committee member may be added at the student and department's discretion. Please see Graduate College policy for committee appointment guidelines.**
 - b. The M.A. thesis should be an original contribution to knowledge about a suitable literary or linguistic subject and comprise 40-75 pages. Thesis projects must be designed, developed, and written in close consultation with an appropriate thesis advisor and with the student's thesis committee.**