English (Graduate)

Our Master of Arts in English program provides study and training to anyone interested in advancing their current professional career or starting a new one. The MA program is fully online, allowing students who work full time or live away from campus to pursue the graduate degree.

Our Mission: As scholars, students, and teachers, we strive to be engaged, compassionate, curious learners and to engender the same passion in every student we teach. The critical study of texts, languages, and textual production is vital for our development as critical thinkers, effective communicators, and thoughtful community members. As a department, we offer these interdisciplinary experiences in diverse but complementary areas of study.

Graduate concentrations are available in
- Folklife and Southern Culture
- Generalist
- Literature
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Writing & Linguistics

Graduate assistantships provide professional development opportunities for qualified students. The student works with a department faculty mentor and contributes to the department's educational mission in a variety of ways. While completing a MA in English, graduate assistants also teach, with faculty supervision, a semester-long composition class.

Internships for credit are available. Students apply the principles learned in the graduate program to the real-world workplace. The student chooses the career field and organization for the internship, and our department assists with placement, pre-internship orientation, and on-campus supervision of the internship experience. Students who complete successfully a supervised internship receive many benefits, including advanced training and experience, professional connections and work recommendations useful for future jobs, and a great entry for your resume!

Job Readiness
Graduate degrees in the Department of English, Foreign Languages, and Cultural Studies prepare students for a wide range of careers. Our alumni have gone on to work in training and communications at multinational corporations, work as editors at major publishing houses, become lawyers, and teach at the high school and college level. Our MA in English graduates have been accepted into a wide variety of advanced professional and graduate programs; recent acceptances include the University of Alabama, the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, Oklahoma State University, the University of Victoria (New Zealand), and the University of Southern California.
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Study Abroad!
Immerse yourself in a different culture while pursuing your degree at NSU. Study abroad with us in France, Mexico, or Spain! All coursework is in English, so while knowledge of French or Spanish is certainly helpful, it is not required. All NSU financial aid applies to any study abroad program, and you can continue to take NSU courses online. You can study abroad for a semester, a year, or join our month-long program during the summer.

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Admission Requirements
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