ABOUT THE M.A. IN ENGLISH AT ST. JOHN’S

The M.A. program in English is designed for students interested in a broad and intensive engagement with literary, cultural and writing studies. It offers courses with outstanding faculty in traditional and emerging fields of literature, cultural studies, critical theory, writing and composition studies. The program is designed for both full-time graduate students and professional educators, administrators and writers who want to pursue a master's degree part-time.

The master's program consists of 33 credit hours, or 11 courses, including the option to write a three-credit Master's thesis in place of one course. In the final semester of course work, each student submits a portfolio of graduate work. The portfolio consists of three course papers, including one extensively revised paper and a 10-page critical overview of the student's growth as a reader, scholar and writer. M.A. students are also encouraged to participate in the annual St. John's English graduate student conference.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A M.A. FROM ST. JOHN’S?

The M.A. program at St. John’s emphasizes the interrelatedness of pedagogy, theory, writing, and literary and cultural studies. With the 2006 opening of the Institute for Writing Studies, the M.A. program at St. John's features a state-of-the-art environment for professional training and development in writing instruction. Many recent graduates of the M.A. program have gone on to pursue doctoral degrees either at St. John's or at a wide variety of national and international universities, from Los Angeles to Oxford. Others have gone on to teach at secondary schools and found positions in publishing, editing, public relations or administration in secondary and higher education.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

I welcome you to the thriving intellectual community we have built in the English department at St. John’s University. Our greatest asset as a department is our hybrid intellectual culture. We encourage our students to explore and discover connections between diverse parts of the academic and teaching life.

At St. John’s you’ll find critical theorists examining Writing Center practices and creative writers wrestling with Shakespeare. We believe that educating our students in multiple practices as writers, teachers and researchers produces vibrant graduates who are well prepared to enter the challenging and changing landscapes of higher education and creative culture.

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RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We are especially proud of the active intellectual life our program sponsors. There are regular lectures and readings by renowned scholars and writers sponsored by the Department of English and the Institute for Writing Studies. We host frequent faculty and student colloquia and film series. English graduate students can also become involved with two publications sponsored by the department: *The St. John’s Humanities Review*, which features essays, interviews and book reviews by contributors from St. John’s and other universities, and *Sequoya*, a student journal of the literary and visual arts. For descriptions of recent department events, as well as student and faculty achievements, see our newsletter and blog: www.stjenglish.com.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

Graduate Assistantships for M.A. students are available on a competitive basis through the English department. These fellowships cover tuition plus a modest stipend. M.A. fellows either work on research projects directed by faculty members or work as tutors in the Writing Center.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We welcome your interest in the English M.A. Program and invite you to visit the St. John’s campus and speak to our faculty and graduate students. To make an appointment to discuss the program with the Director of Graduate Studies, please contact:

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A combined bachelor’s and master’s degree option is available for this program. For more information, please visit:
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