



**ST. JOHN'S  
UNIVERSITY**

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE OF  
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

# Master of Arts in English

## ABOUT THE M.A. IN ENGLISH

The M.A. in English at St. John's University offers students a broad and intensive engagement with literary, cultural, and writing studies. Distinguished faculty members teach courses 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 33-credit program features the option to write a three-credit master's thesis in place of one course. In the final semester of course work, each student who has not elected to write a thesis submits a master's portfolio, including one extensively revised paper and a 10-page critical overview of his or her growth as a reader, scholar, and writer.

## WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE IN ENGLISH?

With strong backgrounds in pedagogy, theory, writing, and literary and cultural studies developed through the program, graduates have gone on to pursue doctoral degrees in English, teach English on the secondary level, or enter the professional spheres of publishing, public relations, and education administration. The abilities to think critically, write effectively, and engage with intellectual discourse serve students well—as both academics and professionals—in a wide range of fields.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

I welcome you to the thriving intellectual community we have built in the English department at St. John's University. 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.

Our department is most proud of the hybrid intellectual culture we have built. We encourage our students to explore and discover connections between diverse parts of the academic and teaching life.

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## RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The program fosters an active intellectual life, with regular lectures and readings by renowned scholars and writers sponsored by the Department of English and the Institute for Writing Studies. There are also frequent faculty and student colloquia and film series. The program blog ([stjenglish.com](http://stjenglish.com)) offers descriptions of recent events, as well as faculty and student achievements.

English graduate students can participate in 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 *Sequoia*, a student journal of the literary and visual arts. These publications, along with graduate work portfolios, allow students to build their curriculum vitae for further study and employment opportunities.

Students interested in writing instruction are encouraged to pursue professional development and training through the state-of-the-art Writing Center.

## ASSISTANTSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

The University awards a limited number of graduate assistantships each year to qualified students on a competitive basis. These positions provide tuition remission and a modest stipend. For more information about assistantships and other types of financial aid, visit [stjohns.edu/admission-aid/tuition-and-financial-aid](http://stjohns.edu/admission-aid/tuition-and-financial-aid).

## PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

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