

English at Truman

DISTINCT BY DESIGN

Degree offered

MA

Master of Arts
in English



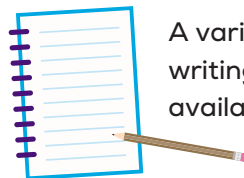
An opportunity to explore literary studies, composition, creative writing and linguistics.



Students have the option of completing an **academic thesis**, a **creative thesis** or a **graduate portfolio**.

Full-time students are eligible for **graduate teaching (GTRA)** and/or **administrative assistantships (GAA)**, as editorial assistants, and social media, book event, and undergraduate advising coordinators.

Students can also opt to simultaneously **earn an MA in Education in order to teach English**.



A variety of creative writing classes are available.

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Graduate teaching assistants work closely with a mentor.

Recent graduates of Truman's English M.A. program have gone on to teach at high schools and community colleges, publish novels and poetry collections, pursue careers in higher education administration, publishing, media, and business, and enroll in M.F.A. programs.



A sample of books written by Truman alumnus J.D.L. Rosell

It's a Field Trip, Busy Bus!

Jody Jensen Shaffer
Catre Messer



One of many books written by Truman alumna Jody Jensen Shaffer

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ENGLISH

(also available online)

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

English MA options:

Thesis Option: Students electing the thesis option complete 32 credits in English graduate coursework and 4 credits of **ENG 611G - Research in English (Thesis)**, to a total of 36 credits. At least half of the English graduate coursework credits must be at the 600-level.

Portfolio Option: Students electing the portfolio option must complete 35 credits in English graduate coursework and **ENG 625G - Graduate Portfolio Seminar**, to a total of 36 credits. At least half of the English graduate coursework credits must be at the 600-level.

Required Courses: 1-4 Credits

- **ENG 605G - Introduction to Graduate Studies** Credit(s): 1 to 2

Students electing the Thesis Option must complete 4 total credits of **ENG 611G - Research in English (Thesis)**. Students completing the Portfolio Option must complete **ENG 625G - Graduate Portfolio Seminar** Credit: 1.

All first-year English GTRAs are required to take 4 credits of **ENG 698G - Teaching Practicum: Writing as Critical Thinking** Credits: 2, two credits in the fall and two credits in the spring to coincide with their teaching of ENG 190.

Course Offerings: 32-35 Credits

- **ENG 504G - Advanced Creative Writing Topics** Credits: 4
- **ENG 506G - Theory and Practice of Teaching Literature** Credits: 4
- **ENG 507G - Theory and Practice of Teaching Writing** Credits: 4
- **ENG 602G - Studies in Literary Criticism** Credits: 4
- **ENG 609G - Graduate Readings in English** Credit(s): 1 to 4
- **ENG 610G - Seminar in Literary Studies** Credit(s): 1 to 4
- **ENG 615G - Studies in Modern and Contemporary Literature** Credits: 4
- **ENG 616G - Studies in World Literature** Credits: 4
- **ENG 617G - Studies in Literary Genres** Credits: 4
- **ENG 618G - Studies in Diverse Literature** Credits: 4
- **ENG 621G - Studies in American Literature** Credits: 4
- **ENG 622G - Studies in British/Commonwealth Literature** Credits: 4
- **ENG 650G - Practicum** Credit(s): 1 to 4
- **ENG 655G - Graduate Seminar** Credit(s): 1 to 4
- **ENG 698G - Teaching Practicum: Writing as Critical Thinking** Credits: 2
- **LING 510G - Studies in the English Language** Credits: 4
- **LING 520G - ESOL Assessment Strategies for K-12 Learners** Credits: 3

NOTE:

No more than 12 combined credits of **ENG 609G** and **ENG 650G** may count toward the MA in English.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete the online application (\$40 application fee)
- Professional statement (uploaded in online application)
- Resume or CV that highlights your academic degrees, research or scholarly experiences, awards or distinctions, and all paid or volunteer work experiences from the past 5-10 years
- Three letters of recommendation (submit recommender's information in online application)
- Transcripts from all colleges and universities from which you earned college credit, including high school dual credit (Truman applicants do not need to submit Truman transcripts). Current Truman Students Please Note: You do not need to upload your Truman transcript but please list Truman in the Academic History portion of your application.
- Graduation Administrative Assistantships (GAA) and Graduate Teaching Research Assistant (GTRA) materials