



MEMORANDUM

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To: Dr. Angela Jacobs, Chair, Council on Graduate Studies

Re: Request for Executive Action from the Department of English

Action Requested:

For the MA in English, change the name of the current "Literary Studies" concentration to "Literary & Cultural Studies" and of the "Literary Studies with Creative Writing Emphasis" concentration to "Creative Writing."

Rationale:

This is to align with common disciplinary practices and to provide more clarity in terms of the areas in which English MA students may specialize.

Catalog Language Changes:

Program Mission: The Master of Arts in English offers students opportunities to pursue advanced training in one of three areas of concentration: Literary & Cultural Studies, ~~Literary Studies with~~ Creative Writing ~~emphasis~~, and Composition/Rhetoric.

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Degree Requirements

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The Master of Arts in English requires satisfactory completion of 33 total semester hours. Students choose either the Thesis Option, which requires 27-30 hours of coursework and a 3-6-hour thesis course (ENG 5950), or the Non-Thesis Option, which requires 33 hours of coursework. All students are required to take Introduction to Methods and Issues in English Studies (ENG 5000) and required courses specific to one of three concentrations: Literary & Cultural Studies, ~~Literary Studies with~~ Creative Writing ~~emphasis~~, or Composition/Rhetoric.

Concentrations for the Master of Arts in English

Literary & Cultural Studies

Total hours 33

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Literary Studies with Creative Writing Emphasis

Thesis Option

Total hours for the thesis option: 34

Effective Year/Term:

Fall 2020, if possible; if not, then ASAP.