

ENGLISH TRACK A (THESIS OPTION), MASTER OF ARTS

Application Deadlines

Fall Admission: July 15

Spring Admission: November 15

Minimum Requirements for Admission

- Bachelor of Arts in English or Bachelor of Arts and/or Bachelor of Science in another discipline
- Minimum of 2.75 overall G.P.A. in undergraduate studies and 3.0 G.P.A. in the discipline

Qualifications for Graduate Assistantships

- Highly competitive
- Limited – three per year (2 semesters); may be renewed for two additional consecutive semesters
- Maintenance of G.P.A. of 3.5 or above while enrolled in the program
- Students who achieve 3.4 or above after two semesters of residence are eligible to apply for graduate assistantship consideration

Application Materials ¹

Students should submit the following materials to the Texas Southern University Graduate School:

- The online application
- Academic transcripts from all (attended) institutions of higher learning
- Application fees

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All materials are required for admittance consideration

The following materials should be submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies, Department of English:

- Three letters of recommendation
- The student's statement of intent (1-2 pages)
- A ten to fifteen (10-15) page critical writing sample with bibliography

In order to earn a Master's degree in English under Track A, a candidate must complete the following departmental requirements:

1. Thirty (30) hours of graduate work in English inclusive of ENG 837 Thesis In Progress, with an emphasis in African American, American, or British literature) *Required Core Courses:* ENG 502 Cornerstone Survey, ENG 533 Methods Of Research, and ENG 638 Survey of Lit Theory
2. A written comprehensive examination
3. End of program assessment that includes a comprehensive test, research completion, and evaluation
4. An acceptable thesis based on an investigation of a subject approved by the Department and the University Graduate School
5. An oral defense of the thesis before the committee of graduate faculty advisors
6. A completed thesis approved by the University Graduate School

Master of Arts Degree in English

| Course | Title | Hours |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| First Year | | |
| First Semester | | |
| ENG 502 | Cornerstone Survey | 3 |
| ENG 533 | Methods Of Research | 3 |
| ENG 638 | Survey of Lit Theory | 3 |
| Hours | | 9 |
| Second Semester | | |
| ENG 530 | African American Fiction | 3 |
| ENG 735 | The British Novel | 3 |
| ENG 732 | American Novel | 3 |
| Hours | | 9 |
| Second Year | | |
| Third Semester | | |
| ENG 5XX/6XX/7XX | English Elective | 3 |
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| ENG 5XX/6XX/7XX | English Elective | 3 |
| Hours | | 9 |
| Fourth Semester | | |
| ENG 837 | Thesis In Progress | 3 |
| Hours | | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 30 |