

Master of Science in Teaching English

[At UW-Eau Claire]

The master of science in teaching English program is designed for persons already certified to teach English who plan to continue teaching at the high school or middle school level and wish to pursue additional graduate work.

Goals

The purposes of the MST degree are to help students:

- Develop their knowledge in the disciplines of English and education.
- Increase their proficiency as teachers.
- Become participants in the ongoing professional conversations in English studies.
- Develop the ability to be articulate in writing and in oral discussions of their scholarly work.
- Have confidence in their individual responses to literature and to adopt other critical theories and perspectives when appropriate.
- Make appropriate use of a wide range of resources such as works studied in courses and independent reading, as well as secondary and bibliographic materials.

These purposes are realized through courses offered by the department of English and the School of Education. In the department, the MST program offers courses in literature and film; critical, scientific/technical and creative writing; pedagogy and linguistics. Advanced courses in English emphasize literature viewed from a variety of theoretical perspectives and provide practical training in literary research and criticism. Other advanced courses focus on theories of pedagogy, writing and rhetoric.

Requirements

- 12 to 18 semester credits in English graduate offerings.



- Nine semester credits in professional education offerings.
- Up to six semester credits of free electives (depending on how many English credits are needed). Free electives may be courses in English, education or any other area.
- A 3-6 credit thesis, chosen from four thesis options. The thesis subject will be selected by the student in consultation with a departmental specialist in the field chosen.
- An oral examination conducted by the student's thesis committee.

For more specific information about the MST requirements, please consult the current graduate catalog.

Thinking about a master's degree

The master of science in teaching offered by the English department at UW-Eau Claire is designed for the active teacher interested in enhancing his or her abilities. We provide a flexible program with night offerings, summer courses and a wide variety of courses in

literature and writing. In addition to the MST, the department also offers a traditional master's degree focusing on English studies only.

If you are unsure about committing yourself to a full degree program immediately, you can explore your interest in an advanced degree as a graduate special student and acquire up to 12 credits that can be applied to a degree program once you make that choice.

Advantages

- U.S. News & World Report magazine consistently ranks UW-Eau Claire among the top public regional universities in the Midwest in its annual America's Best Colleges guidebook.
- Four UW-Eau Claire professors have been recipients of Wisconsin Professor of the Year awards.
- UW-Eau Claire is a member institution of The Council of Graduate Schools and is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

To learn more about the Eau Claire Advantage go to www.uwec.edu/advantage

[Pre-requisites]

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.
- A minimum of 24 credits in English. Deficiencies in credits will be made up at the undergraduate level.
- An undergraduate grade-point average of 3.25 in English course work and 3.0 overall (or 3.15 in the second half of all undergraduate work) on a 4.0 scale.

- Certification to teach English.

The English department may consider admission of an applicant whose English GPA is no less than 3.0 and/or whose other qualifications do not meet all those specified above, where there is convincing evidence that he or she is capable of performing satisfactory graduate work in the department. Completion of six credits of graduate work with a grade of B or better in each course and removal of all deficiencies will lead to full standing.

Course deficiencies may be completed after admission if approved by the English Graduate Executive Committee. These course deficiencies must be completed in addition to the minimum credits required for the degree.

[Application requirements]

To apply to the MST English program, please send

- a completed application for graduate admission and the application fee,
- official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions previously attended,
- a letter of intent that explains your academic and career goals and expectations, and
- a writing sample, such as an undergraduate research paper, or a fiction or poetry, that represents your best work,
- a copy of certification to teach.

To apply for a graduate assistantship, fellowship, or the Advanced Opportunity Program (AOP), please also complete the online Graduate Assistantship Fellowship/AOP Application at www.uwec.edu/Admissions/graduate/assistant-fellowapp.htm. Applications completed by March 1 will receive priority consideration for assistantships, fellowships, and AOP grants; however, application completed thereafter will continue to be considered on a rolling basis.

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