English (ENGL)

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Degrees Offered
Master of Arts, Plan B (non-thesis option) only; Doctor of Philosophy

Program Descriptions
The master of arts program in English provides broad coverage in British, American and other Anglophone literatures. Through seminar courses, students develop extensive knowledge of literature, literary critical methods and analytical writing. Students who complete the master’s program at Marquette go on to doctoral studies, pursue careers in education, or enter business, health care, journalism and other professions.

The doctorate in English is directed toward comprehensive and intensive knowledge of British, American and/or other Anglophone literatures and language; the textual, critical and editorial problems and backgrounds of major texts and authors; the principles of literary criticism; and the basic tools, methods and application of literary and linguistic research. The program provides practical experience in teaching and research to prepare students to pursue a variety of careers in higher education.

Teaching and research assistantships are available to candidates for both degrees on a competitive basis. Teaching assistants must successfully complete ENGL 6840 Studies in Rhetoric and Composition Theory, a teaching assistant orientation program and a weekly practicum.

Prerequisites for Admission
Applicants to the master's program are expected to have adequate preparation in English and related subjects. A well-rounded program of undergraduate English courses (26 to 30 credit hours) is required. Applicants to the doctoral program must have a master of arts in English.

Application Deadline
All application files must be complete by Jan. 15, including all supporting documents, for fall admission and financial aid consideration.

Application Requirements
Applicants must submit, directly to the Graduate School:

1. A completed application form and fee online (http://marquette.edu/grad/future_apply.shtml).
2. Official transcripts from all current and previous colleges/universities except Marquette.
3. Three letters of recommendation.
5. One or two writing samples.
6. GRE scores (General Test only).
7. For international applicants only - a TOEFL score or other acceptable proof of English proficiency.

English Master’s Requirements
Specialization: British, American and other Anglophone Literatures

A master’s student is admitted to the Plan B (non-thesis) program which requires 30 credit hours of course work beyond the bachelor’s degree. Of these 30 credits, at least 24 must be selected from English department courses at the 6000 level. Up to two courses may be taken at the 5000 level when approved by the director of graduate studies in English.

All master’s students must pass a written comprehensive examination to complete the program.

Master of Arts Curriculum (30 credits):

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“Tragedy is when I cut my finger. Comedy is when you fall into an open sewer and die.” So says that great theorist of narrative craft, the filmmaker Mel Brooks. Of course, most of life (and most of the fiction that tries to reflect the complexity of life) falls all along the spectrum between (and including) those two poles. This course gives students an opportunity both to exercise their narrative imagination and to harness it productively to explore that spectrum. Students learn the craft and techniques of writing fiction and develop their understanding of the creative process by analyzing published fiction from the practitioner’s perspective, by writing and revising fiction, and by discussing their work and the work of their peers in workshop.
ENGL 5361. Literatures of Pre-Colonial and Colonial America. 3 cr. hrs.

What constitutes the earliest forms of American literature? How did writing in the Americas prior to the foundation of modern nation-states grow out of and respond to the unique circumstances of contact and collision between the “Old World” of Europe and the “New World” of America? How was colonial American literature situated in the larger geopolitical arenas of the Atlantic World, the “Black Atlantic,” and competing imperialist projects? In this course, students will encounter the diverse genres and multiple literary traditions that converged in North America from the initial arrival of Europeans up to the American Revolution. The course may take a comparative transatlantic, transnational, and / or hemispheric approach, with readings drawn from the literatures of British, French, and Spanish America as well as Native American cultures.
ENGL 5402. The Novel to 1900. 3 cr. hrs.
The modern British novel took shape in England in the late seventeenth century, and by 1900, it had become the most popular genre of its day. Through innovations in point of view, characterization, and narrative form, novelists offer unprecedented techniques for representing human emotion and experience. Traces the development of the novel from its origins to the end of the nineteenth century, considering how writers examine questions such as gender and marriage, race and empire, science and religion, and law and justice. Topics vary each term.

ENGL 5410. British Literature to 1500. 3 cr. hrs.
A reading of medieval works from the Old and Middle English periods, with emphasis on both literary and cultural issues. Typical readings include lyrics, romances, The Pearl, Sir Gawain, and Piers Plowman, and works by Gower, Kempe, and Malory.

ENGL 5412. Transatlantic Literature, 1700-1900. 3 cr. hrs.
Transatlantic studies reframe Anglophone literature (and sometimes literature in translation) to incorporate perspectives beyond the national. The eighteenth and nineteenth centuries were eras of economic and cultural exchange across the Atlantic ocean; this course will track some of these “currents.” Individual instructors may focus on comparative revolutions, on the Black Atlantic, on transnational romanticism, travel and exploration, slavery and abolition, or other topics.

ENGL 5420. Renaissance Literature: The 16th Century. 3 cr. hrs.
A study of Tudor poetry, drama, and prose, with emphasis on literary and cultural issues of the Elizabethan period. Writers considered might include Lodge and More (prose); Shakespeare, Philip and Mary Sidney, Spenser, and Wyatt (lyric and narrative poetry); and Carey, Kyd, and Marlowe (drama).

ENGL 5422. British literature of the Long 18th Century. 3 cr. hrs.
During the “long eighteenth century” (1660-1830), England experienced unprecedented literary and cultural innovation: writers developed new forms of fiction, actresses appeared on stage for the first time, and poets used verse as vehicles for satirical and public expression. Meanwhile, political parties took shape, the government expanded the reach of its empire, the nuclear family assumed its modern form, and burgeoning print media provided a stream of gossip and news. In this course, students will explore the era’s literary developments in the context of such social, cultural, and political changes. Topics vary from semester to semester.

ENGL 5430. Renaissance Literature: The 17th Century. 3 cr. hrs.
A study of English poetry, drama and prose from 1603 to the beginnings of the neoclassical period. Writers considered might include Donne, Herbert, Herrick, Jonson, and Marvell (lyric); Bacon and Wroth (prose); and Jonson, Middleton, and Webster (drama).

ENGL 5432. US Literatures of the Revolution and New Republic. 3 cr. hrs.
The eighteenth century saw profound changes in America; there were revolutions not only in politics but in the ways people lived their everyday lives, in travel, in industry, and in literature. While the American Revolution ended the colonial domination of European settlers and the founding of the United States, those citizens in turn were colonizing Native American lands and African labor. Women clamored to be included in the democratic conversation, and the ideology of “Republican Motherhood” simultaneously stimulated and constrained those desires. In this course, students will look at the ways a diverse group of writers responded to these sea changes by employing a comparative transatlantic or transpacific approach or by focusing more closely on issues specific to the North American continent; issues studied may include the rise of the novel and the changes in print culture surrounding the Revolution, or may focus on the literature of women or narratives of captivity and slavery.

ENGL 5440. The Ages of Dryden and Pope: 1660-1744. 3 cr. hrs.
A study of the prose, poetry, and drama of the Restoration to early 18th century, featuring such writers as Behn, Dryden, Pope, and Swift within the historical, literary, and intellectual contexts of the era.

ENGL 5442. US Literature from the Constitution to the Civil War. 3 cr. hrs.
The first decades of the nineteenth century marked a period of innovation and abundance in the literary history of the United States. Students will explore the landmark developments of the early national and ante bellum periods within the broader contexts of American cultural history, paying particular attention to the influence of Romanticism and such North American variants as New England Transcendentalism and the American Gothic. They may also explore the intersections between literature and a variety of social reform movements, such as those involving abolitionism, women’s rights, and Native American rights. Authors assigned may include a selection of the following: Apess (Pequot), Brockden Brown, Cooper, Irving, Poe, Sedgwick, Emerson, Thoreau, Hawthorne, Melville, Douglass, Wells Brown, Whitman, and Stowe.

ENGL 5450. The Age of Johnson: 1744-1790. 3 cr. hrs.
A study of the prose, poetry, and drama of the later 18th century, featuring such writers as Boswell, Burney, Fielding, Johnson, and Sterne within the historical, literary, and intellectual contexts of the era.

ENGL 5452. British Literature of the Romantic Period, 1790-1837. 3 cr. hrs.
From the French Revolution to the Industrial Revolution, 1780-1837. How exactly did civil and human rights evolve in Great Britain? Gender, class, religious turmoil, and race are also central issues in the study of works by romantic-era writers such as Jane Austen, Ann Radcliffe, William Wordsworth, William Blake, John Keats, Percy Shelley, George Gordon Byron, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, and Mary Shelley. Students will study thematic approaches to or surveys of the literature of the period.

ENGL 5460. The Romantic Period: 1790-1837. 3 cr. hrs.
A study of the poetry, drama, and fiction of the period with emphasis on the works of: Austen, Blake, Byron, Coleridge, Keats, the Shelleys, Smith, and Wordsworth.
ENGL 5462. Gothic. 3 cr. hrs.
Vampires, werewolves, mummies, and zombies have been popular representations in a wide variety of literature for more than two centuries, and this course will examine their origins and cultural, religious, and social meanings. From Frankenstein to Dracula, or “Carmilla” to “The Mummy”, the gothic has explored Britain’s fear of immigrants, scientific experimentation, and sexual transgressions. We will read the classic texts as well as their popular manifestations in poetry, drama, and short stories.

ENGL 5470. Victorian Literature. 3 cr. hrs.
A study of the major poets and prose writers between 1837 and 1900, including such authors as: Arnold, the Brontes, the Brownings, Carlyle, Dickens, G. Eliot, Hardy, Newman, Ruskin, and Tennyson.

ENGL 5472. British Literature of the Victorian Period, 1837-1900. 3 cr. hrs.
Dracula, Alice in Wonderland, A Christmas Carol, “How do I love thee? Let me count the ways,” the Sherlock Holmes stories, Jane Eyre—these are all Victorian classics. A course in Victorian literature will introduce you to many more exciting, wise and weird texts written in Britain during the reign of Queen Victoria (1837-1901), dealing with such topics as social justice, gender and sexuality, religious faith, empire, crime, ecology, childhood, and the role of literature in an era of mass literacy. Whether it’s the Arthurian tales of Tennyson, the religious poetry of Christina Rossetti and the Jesuit Gerard Manley Hopkins, the eco-criticism of John Ruskin, Oscar Wilde’s hilarious plays, or the exploration of vocation in Middlemarch by George Eliot (Marian Evans), Victorian literature offers many great reads in addition to those that have become standards of contemporary popular culture.

ENGL 5482. US Literature from the Civil War to the Early 20th Century. 3 cr. hrs.
The period between the end of the Civil War and the beginning of the twentieth century was one of profound social, technological, and political changes in the United States. We look at how writers reflected and responded to the world of the late nineteenth century (sometimes reaching into the early twentieth century) in literature written by American authors and, sometimes, by the European writers that influenced them during this period of intense transnational literary exchange. Courses may address the waxing and waning popularity of sentimental literature, the elite enthusiasm for realist literature and the related growth of regional literature, the connection between fiction and the muckraking school of journalism, the expansion of publication in magazines and newspapers, the explosion of literatures by and about immigrants, and/or African American literary production in the eras of Reconstruction and Jim Crow. Students may read works by Frederick Douglass, Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson, Henry James, Mark Twain, William Dean Howells, W. E. B. DuBois, Charles Chesnutt, Theodore Dreiser, Frank Norris, Sarah Orne Jewett, Sarah M. B. Piatt, Zitkala Sa, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Mary E. Wilkins Freeman, and a multitude of others.

ENGL 5490. The Postmodernist Period in British Literature. 3 cr. hrs.
A study of selected works from authors whose writings exemplify the Postmodernist Movement in British literature such as: Adcock, Auden, Beckett, Desai, Drabble, Gordimer, Heaney, Joyce, Lessing, O’Brien, Pinter, Stoppard, and Woolf.

ENGL 5503. British Literature since 1900. 3 cr. hrs.
Students explore English literature written since 1900, a period when writers have confronted the turbulence of modern history while defending the value of their art. The last century is marked by two world wars, the rise and fall of the British Empire, globalization, accelerating technological development, and changing gender roles and class structures. In this era, some artists have followed the modernist dictum to “make it new,” to overthrow, reimage, and thus revitalize older forms of literary expression no longer attuned to the modern era, while others have sought to refine traditional structures for plays, poems, novels, and short stories. Against an historical backdrop that has witnessed the rise of radio, television, film, the Internet, and the 24-hour news cycle, writers have used their art to assert that (in the words of twentieth-century poet Ezra Pound) “literature is news that stays news.”.

ENGL 5510. Colonial and American Literature from the Beginnings to 1798. 3 cr. hrs.
A study of the forms of colonial and indigenous cultural expression, the literature of the Revolutionary War and the early republic, and the emergence of a national literature. Writers studied may include Bradstreet, Edwards, Equiano, Franklin, Irving, Mather, Rowson, Taylor, and Wheatley.

ENGL 5513. Irish literature. 3 cr. hrs.
Even a quick glance at the canon of modern English literature yields a strange insight—many of the most celebrated English writers of the past century years were actually Irish: Yeats, Joyce, Shaw, Synge, Beckett, Heaney, Boland, to name a few. How does reading these writers as either English or Irish shape the way we understand them? To answer this question, students will explore some of the most important literature to emerge in Ireland in the past century or so, an era when Irish writers have grappled with changing questions surrounding what it means to be Irish. In the process of reckoning with what Yeats called the “terrible beauty” of a violent Irish history, Irish writers seized a space on the world stage for their art.

ENGL 5520. American Literature from 1798 to 1865. 3 cr. hrs.
A study of the literature and culture of the early-to-mid 19th century, including the periods of the American Renaissance and the Civil War. Writers studied may include: Alcott, Child, Cooper, Dickinson, Douglass, Emerson, Fuller, Hawthorne, Melville, Poe, Stowe, Thoreau, and Whitman.

ENGL 5523. Modernism. 3 cr. hrs.
What should literature be and do in an era of war, revolution, and cataclysmic cultural change? Modernist literature emerged across Europe and North America in the early twentieth century in response to this question. Old ideas and forms suddenly seemed ill-equipped to respond to the twentieth century, which led modernist artists to rebel against convention. Writers such as Joseph Conrad, Virginia Woolf, James Joyce, Samuel Beckett, Ezra Pound, T.S. Eliot, H.D., W.B. Yeats, and Gertrude Stein worked across languages, national traditions, and genres to reinvent the literary past and change contemporary history. In the process, they created some of the most astonishing, daring, and rewarding poems, novels, and plays of the twentieth century.

ENGL 5530. American Literature from 1865 to 1914. 3 cr. hrs.
A study of late 19th century literature and culture with emphasis on the rise of realism to the beginnings of modernism. Writers studied generally include: Chesnutt, Chopin, Crane, Dickinson, Dreiser, Harper, James, Twain, and Wharton.
ENGL 5533. US Literature: 20th Century Beginnings to World War II. 3 cr. hrs.
Students construct an overview of American literature from the beginning of the 20th century to the end of World War II, focusing on the historical contexts of literary production. The themes and formal and stylistic aspects of the different works under discussion will be situated within the context of the political, social, scientific, technological, and economic transformations in this period of American history. We will examine the interactions between the development of modern American literature and key issues of the period including racial segregation and racial uplift, class inequality, labor and immigration debates, the feminist movement, global war, the invention of the atom bomb, and the rise of mass entertainments and consumerism.

ENGL 5550. Twentieth-Century American Literature: The Modern Period. 3 cr. hrs.
A study of American literature of the early twentieth century with particular attention to the formal experiments of modernism. Writers studied generally include Cather, T.S. Eliot, Faulkner, Fitzgerald, Frost, Hemingway, Hurston, Larsen, Stein, Stevens, Williams, and Wright.

ENGL 5560. The Contemporary Period in American Literature: 1945 to Present. 3 cr. hrs.
A study of fiction, poetry, and/or drama written since WWII, with attention to the shift from modernism to postmodernism. Authors studied are likely to include: Albee, Barth, Bellow, Bishop, Carver, DeLillo, Didion, Erdrich, Graham, Heller, Kingston, Levine, Morrison, O'Connor, Ozick, Pynchon, Roth, Stone, Walker, and White.

ENGL 5563. Literatures of the 21st Century. 3 cr. hrs.
Students study the literature of the twenty-first century from a variety of national and transnational perspectives. How have different authors responded to the rapid social changes and urgent political crises the world has undergone since the year 2000? What role has literature played in registering and shaping our collective response to these events? What is the continued relevance of literature (and literary study) for an era increasingly dominated by nonliterary and non-narrative media forms? Possible authors include Atwood, Diaz, Ishiguro, Lahiri, Mitchell, McCarthy, Morrison, Murakami, Saramago, Sebald, Smith, Rowling, Roy, Winterson, and Wallace.

ENGL 5610. Individual Authors. 3 cr. hrs.
Studies of the works of selected individual authors, usually within biographical, historical, intellectual, and/or cultural contexts. Authors studied have included: Austen, the Brontes, the Brownings, Cheever and Carver, Conrad, Frost, Hardy and Hopkins, Heaney, Melville, Morrison, Wharton and Stein, and Yeats. Consult Schedule of Classes, the dept. Web site or its course descriptions booklet for specific author(s).

ENGL 5615. Text in Context. 3 cr. hrs.
Students engage in an in-depth, semester-long study of a “major” or “monumental” work in its cultural and historical context. Alongside a close and thorough reading of the text, such a study may include analysis of its source texts; its contemporaneous interlocutors; significant critical and theoretical responses; transmedia adaptations; unauthorized rewrites, fan fictions, and sequels; and contemporary remixes. Possible central texts will vary from year to year but could include such works as "Paradise Lost," "Hamlet," "Frankenstein," "Middlemarch," "Ulysses," "Invisible Man," "One Hundred Years of Solitude," "Beloved," "Almanac of the Dead," or "Infinite Jest."

ENGL 5620. Chaucer. 3 cr. hrs.
A study of Chaucer's works with emphasis on his techniques, thematic concerns, cultural contexts, and place in literary history.

ENGL 5630. Shakespeare's Major Plays. 3 cr. hrs.
A detailed analysis of a selection of Shakespearean drama with emphasis given to Shakespeare's development as a dramatist within his historical and intellectual context.

ENGL 5640. Milton. 3 cr. hrs.
A study of Milton's major poetry and prose in the context of his place in 17th century England.

ENGL 5710. Studies in Genre. 3 cr. hrs.
Advanced study of a particular genre and its ability to articulate meaning in historical, social, and/or literary contexts. Past offerings have included: romance and epic in early modern England, the family novel, the novella, the Epic, the court romance, and the American western. Consult Schedule of Classes, the dept. Web site or its course descriptions booklet for specific topic.

ENGL 5715. Children's Literature. 3 cr. hrs.

ENGL 5716. Science Fiction/Fantasy. 3 cr. hrs.
“Everything is becoming science fiction,” wrote J.G. Ballard in 1971. “From the margins of an almost invisible literature has sprung the intact reality of the 20th century.” What has been the role of speculative and fantastic media in anticipating and articulating social change? How have creators in science fiction and fantasy used the relative safety of these genres’ unreal situations to comment on very real crises in politics, identity, economics, ecology, and war? How have science fiction and fantasy provided a space for reflection upon and resistance to dominant ideologies, and where have they served instead to reproduce and augment such powers? What role does the imagination of improbable and impossible worlds play in contemporary life? Courses may range from surveys of different periods in the history of science fiction and fantasy to focused study of particular themes, subgenres, and authors.
ENGL 5717. Comics and Graphic Narrative. 3 cr. hrs.

Students explore the production and reception of comics and graphic narrative as a literary-artistic form, with topics ranging from the early history of the genre to its ongoing fixation on the figure of the superhero to the development of an international art movement crossing gender, class, and ethnic lines. Texts to be discussed could include DC and Marvel superhero comics, manga and anime, "Watchmen," "Maus," "Persepolis," "Fun Home," "Gemma Bovary," "Buddha," "Understanding Comics," underground and alternative comics, and "Jimmy Corrigan: The Smartest Kid on Earth."

ENGL 5718. British Humor. 3 cr. hrs.

At least since Monty Python achieved world-wide popularity, critics and fans have identified a distinctively British form of humor. During this course students explore the characteristics associated with British humor—e.g., nonsense, absurdity, surrealism, parody, verbal play, drag, scatology—through various periods and genres, depending upon instructor. Authors treated may include William Congreve, Jonathan Swift, Oscar Wilde, Gilbert and Sullivan, Lewis Carroll, Ivy Compton Burnett, P. G. Woodhouse, Joe Orton, Alan Bennett, and David Lodge.

ENGL 5736. Fiction. 3 cr. hrs.

"There is no doubt," says Doris Lessing, "that fiction makes a better job of the truth." What is the connection between fiction and truth? And why are stories (narrative fictions) so compelling? Fiction takes a variety of forms, including the novel, the short story, the story cycle, the novella, the graphic novel, etc. New media has added to these in the forms of collaborative tales, fan fiction, and hypertextual works, for examples. Students focus on one specific fictional form (topics vary by semester) and studies it in depth. Upon completing the course, students will have a firm grasp of the form's literary conventions, relation to the cultural/historical contexts of its production and ongoing reception, and relation to other literary genres.

ENGL 5737. Creative Nonfiction. 3 cr. hrs.

Where does fact end and fiction begin? Sometimes referred to as the "literature of fact," creative nonfiction blurs the line between literary art (poetry, fiction, and drama) and "objective" writing practices of research and reportage (history and journalism). Works of creative nonfiction have been galvanizing forces in the transformation of public opinion, influencing debates on the abolition of slavery, the environment, pacifism, women's rights, and more. Students explore different types of creative nonfiction including documentary, literary journalism, memoirs and other types of life-writing, and travel-writing. Students engage creative nonfiction to explore ethical issues that might arise from practices of fictionalization including recent high-profile cases and controversies in the journalism and popular media.

ENGL 5738. Poetry. 3 cr. hrs.

Students engage with the discipline and pleasure of poetry, from ancient sacred lyrics to twentieth-first century experimental texts. The possibilities are endless: individual sections may focus on indigenous poetry of the Americas; on the poetry of witness; on feminist poetry; on long-form poetry; on ecopoetics; or on prosody; or on a particular "school" such as Deep Image, Black Arts, or L=A=N=G=U=A=G=E.

ENGL 5745. Digital Literacies. 3 cr. hrs.

What does it mean to be literate in the age of digital natives? Students explore new media forms that have arisen since the mid-twentieth century, including video games, social media, digital music and art, and Internet writing. Students address questions such as: How can or should the study of literature and film include new media? How does the production and reception of different types of new media texts challenge our ideas about writing and reading? How do available technologies impact digital genres and forms? What theoretical constructs and aesthetic frameworks do they demand? And how are new media augmenting, challenging, or changing education, including university study?.

ENGL 5750. American Drama. 3 cr. hrs.

A study of American drama with emphasis on form and function of the genre. Course emphasis and authors taught can vary with instructor. Consult Schedule of Classes or the English Department's Web site for specific topic.

ENGL 5755. Law and literature. 3 cr. hrs.

From Sophocles and Shakespeare to Herbert Melville and Toni Morrison, Western writers have long been fascinated by questions of law and literature. In this course, we consider the ways in which imaginative writers have responded to and shaped legal and ethical concerns that remain of interest to this day. Topics may include the nature of law; the limits of legal authority; the legal construction of gender, race, and class; and the problem of crime and punishment.

ENGL 5760. British Drama. 3 cr. hrs.

A study of British drama with emphasis on form and function of the genre. Course emphasis and authors taught can vary with instructor. Consult Schedule of Classes or the English Department's Web site for specific topic.

ENGL 5770. Studies in Literature and Culture. 3 cr. hrs.

Students investigate the relation between literature and its culture from a variety of perspectives that might include the historical, political, or anthropological. Past offerings have included the English Urban Novel, Catholicism and Literature, and Texts, Audiences, and Social Change. Consult Schedule of Classes or the English Department's Web site for specific topic.

ENGL 5775. Literature and Place. 3 cr. hrs.

Students explore one or more of the many regional traditions of American literature, ranging from New England to the Deep South, and the Midwest to the Pacific Coast, examining the relations between people and place. Specific sections might take up writing about nature and the environment, ecocritical approaches to literature, focus on the literature of a given region through time, or consider the rise of regionalism and "local color" writing in relation to such historical developments as the end of Reconstruction, Westward expansion, immigration, urbanization, and contemporary ecological crisis.

ENGL 5780. Literature in Film. 3 cr. hrs.

Past offerings have included: contemporary Irish literature and film, Shakespeare and film, ethnic literature and the movies, postmodern literature and film, film noir and the detective novel. Consult Schedule of Classes, the dept. Web site or its course descriptions booklet for specific topic.
ENGL 5785. Gender, Sexuality, Literature. 3 cr. hrs.
Gender and sexuality can be identities, performances, prisons, or fields for exploration. They shape public and private experience – politics, economics, education, families, friendships, even one’s most personal relation to oneself. And literature is one of the central forums where writers and readers both make sense of this experience and imagine how it might be different. Students analyze changing literary representations of gender and sexuality and their intersections with other identities and categories of analysis – for instance, race and ethnicity, nationality, historical location – in order to explore the meaning and the function of these most basic building blocks in our culture.

ENGL 5786. Women Writers. 3 cr. hrs.
Students study selected women writers to engage questions, such as: What is the effect of women’s social/cultural positions on their literary aesthetics? and Do women have separate and/or multiple literary traditions? To answer such questions, a range of critical methods will be employed, particularly those instrumental to feminist literary criticism (e.g., historicism, archetypal criticism, psychoanalysis, poststructuralism, formalism, Marxism, and critical race and ethnic criticism). Authors studied vary by instructor.

ENGL 5800. Studies in Literature and Culture. 3 cr. hrs.
An investigation of the relation between literature and its culture from a variety of perspectives that might include the historical, political, or anthropological. Past offerings have included: the English urban novel; Catholicism and literature; and texts, audiences, and social change. Consult Schedule of Classes, the dept. Web site or its course descriptions booklet for specific topic.

ENGL 5810. Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies. 3 cr. hrs.
Students construct a foundation for further study in the literatures of racialized and “ethnic” groups in the United States (e.g. African American, American Indian, Asian American, Chicana/o, Latina/o, Arab American, etc.). As such, students learn key concepts necessary for more advanced work in comparative race and ethnic studies such as racial formation, varieties of privilege, intersectionality (of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual identity, class, etc.), and settler colonialism, as well as literary theoretical concerns about the relationship between aesthetic form and content, the influence of historical and cultural contexts on literary production and reception, and the political role of literature in society.

ENGL 5820. Studies in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies. 3 cr. hrs.
Explores selected topics in critical race and literary studies with the intent of allowing in-depth exploration and analysis. Topics vary by semester but range from women of color feminism to Asian American literatures to literary captivities. Please consult the English department website each semester for specific foci. Though not required, having taken English 4810 will be advantageous.

ENGL 5825. Native American / Indigenous Literatures. 3 cr. hrs.
Once the most invisible members of American society, and statistically the smallest, the contemporary physical and cultural landscape now testifies in bright casino lights to the presence of tribal nations within the United States and Canada. If you’ve ever asked yourself why indigenous peoples are both politically and culturally distinct from other U.S. and Canadian citizens, this course provides you with the legal and historical contexts to understand that status. Primarily through the consideration of such twentieth-century writers as Sherman Alexie, Charles Eastman, and Louise Erdrich, students will consider Native critical terms and concepts elucidated through oral literature, non-fiction, poetry, short stories, film, and novels, primarily drawn from members of tribal nations in the United States and Canada.

ENGL 5830. Africana Literatures. 3 cr. hrs.
Explores literature produced by people of African descent. Topics vary by semester: please consult the English department web site each semester for specific foci. Offerings may include the Harlem Renaissance; the Great Migration; Caribbean literatures; Justice, the State, and Citizenship; and Race/Literature in Milwaukee after WWII. Though not required, having taken English 4810 will be advantageous.

ENGL 5840. Postcolonial Literatures. 3 cr. hrs.
Students explore literatures written in English since the 1960s from Africa, Southeast Asia, the Caribbean, and Great Britain. Students discuss a wide range of issues including decolonization and the emergence of neocolonialism, cultural imperialism and literary responses to it by authors from what is sometimes called the Third World, and the value of art in an age defined by a “War on Terror.”.

ENGL 5850. Global Literatures. 3 cr. hrs.
Students explore authors and texts that have become prominent on a global scale. Students read Anglophone texts as well as literary works in translation focusing on global economic, social, and historical issues. Emphases and texts vary depending on instructor. Some of the topics that may be covered include notions of universal human rights, migrant labor, issues of censorship, and problems of literary translation.

ENGL 5860. Survey of Women’s Literature. 3 cr. hrs.
Study of selected female authors that addresses their distinctive social and aesthetic concerns, with emphasis on the range of critical methods instrumental to feminist literary criticism (e.g., historicism, archetypal criticism, psychoanalysis). Authors may include: Austen, the Brontes, Burney, G. Eliot, Julien of Norwich, Kempe, Morrison, O’Connor, Shelley, Silko, Woolf, and Wroth.

ENGL 5870. Studies in Women and Literature. 3 cr. hrs.
Past offerings have included: multicultural women's autobiography, the sentimental novel, fictions of domesticity, women's writing in the Renaissance, romanticism and gender, the female gothic, and black women's writing. Consult Schedule of Classes, the dept. Web site or its course descriptions booklet for specific topic.

ENGL 5931. Topics in Literature or Writing. 3 cr. hrs.
Past offerings have included: the Bible as literature, literary responses to the Viet Nam War, literature and the environment, literature of the Holocaust, the Vikings, and meaning and identity. Consult Schedule of Classes, the dept. Web site or its course descriptions booklet for specific topic. If topic is in writing, may not be counted toward the credits required for an M.A. or Ph.D. degree in English.
ENGL 5932. Topics in Writing. 3 cr. hrs.
Students study writing topics that vary according to instructor. Consult Schedule of Classes or the English Department’s Web site for specific topic. Prereq: UCCS R and LPA requirements fulfilled. This course may not be counted as Literature requirement in Arts and Sciences College Curriculum.

ENGL 5953. Seminar in Literature. 3 cr. hrs.
Advanced practice in the techniques and discipline of intensive literary study. Consult Schedule of Classes or the English Department’s Web site.

ENGL 5954. Seminar in Creative Writing. 3 cr. hrs.
To paraphrase the Czech writer Milan Kundera, most people would rather believe a simple lie than a complex truth. Students learn how to write complex truths, sometimes (often? mostly?) by making stuff up. Through advanced practice in the techniques and discipline of writing, students develop proficiency with those techniques they first encountered in ENGL 4250 and 4260 and will add additional techniques to their repertoire. They examine fiction, poetry, drama, or nonfiction from technical (as well as critical) viewpoints, and will develop fluency in discussing writing from the practitioner’s viewpoint. Offered in fiction, in poetry, in drama, and in nonfiction. Consult schedule of classes or the English department’s website for specific genre.

ENGL 5997. Capstone. 3 cr. hrs.
Students draw together the knowledge and skills developed in previous coursework in order to integrate knowledge and improve knowledge/skill transfer to post-university life. Students will explore how key questions and concerns can be thought of in different ways by designing and producing projects as well as cultivating self-reflection. The focus of the course content varies by instructor, and students should consult the Department of English website for information on specific sections before enrolling (http://www.marquette.edu/english/).

ENGL 6200. Old English. 3 cr. hrs.
The grammar and syntax of Anglo-Saxon. Selected readings from the prose and poetry in the corpus of Anglo-Saxon literature.

ENGL 6205. Studies in Language and Linguistics. 3 cr. hrs.
Topics will vary.

ENGL 6210. Studies in English Literature, the Beginnings to 1500. 3 cr. hrs.
ENGL 6215. Studies in Renaissance Literature. 3 cr. hrs.
ENGL 6220. Studies in Shakespeare. 3 cr. hrs.
Topics will vary.

ENGL 6300. Studies in Restoration and Eighteenth Century Literature. 3 cr. hrs.
Topics will vary.

ENGL 6400. Studies in Nineteenth-Century British Literature. 3 cr. hrs.
ENGL 6500. Studies in Twentieth-Century British Literature. 3 cr. hrs.
ENGL 6600. Studies in American Literature from the Beginnings to 1900. 3 cr. hrs.
ENGL 6700. Studies in Twentieth-Century American Literature. 3 cr. hrs.
ENGL 6800. Studies in Genre. 3 cr. hrs.
ENGL 6810. Study in History of Literary Criticism. 3 cr. hrs.
Study of the major critics and texts in literary criticism and critical theory from the classical period to 20th century New Criticism.
ENGL 6820. Studies in Modern Critical Theory and Practice. 3 cr. hrs.
Presents a survey of approaches commonly used in a range of modern literary studies. The scope of epistemologies that currently shape interpretations in the discipline. Methods of archival and bibliographic research, and new research technologies.
ENGL 6830. Studies in Literary Criticism. 3 cr. hrs.
ENGL 6840. Studies in Rhetoric and Composition Theory. 3 cr. hrs.
Philosophy and theory of rhetoric, with emphasis on primary classical sources and the relationship of contemporary to classical theory. Provides theoretical background for the teaching of writing at the college level.
ENGL 6850. Studies in the Teaching of Literature. 1 cr. hr.

ENGL 6931. Topics in English. 3 cr. hrs.
Topics vary by section to offer a variety of methodological, thematic, or generic approaches to bodies of literature. See Schedule of Classes or dept. Web site for specific topic.

ENGL 6995. Independent Study in English. 1-3 cr. hrs.
Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.
ENGL 8282. Studies in Modern Critical Theory and Practice. 3 cr. hrs.
Examines in detail a range of modern literary theories and their textual applications. Consists of writings from a selection of different critical movements, which may include: Formalism, Semiotics, Structuralism, Rhetorical Studies, Narrative Theory, Psychological Criticism, Feminist Inquiry, Deconstruction, Marxism, New Historicism and Cultural Studies, and Postcolonial Discourse. In addition to studying the central tenets of each theory, students also practice its application to a variety of literary texts, preferably ones relevant to their dissertations. Prereq: ENGL 6820 or equiv.

ENGL 8310. Advanced Studies in British Literature. 3 cr. hrs.
Focuses attention on issues that inform readings across the spectrum of British literature. Provides a forum where students can share research on topics of mutual interest. Prereq: Completion of M.A.; enrollment is limited to Ph.D. students.

ENGL 8350. Advanced Studies in American Literature. 3 cr. hrs.
Focuses attention on issues that inform readings across the spectrum of American literature. Provides a forum where students can share research on topics of mutual interest. Prereq: Completion of M.A.; enrollment is limited to Ph.D. students.

ENGL 8370. Advanced Studies in Genre. 3 cr. hrs.
Examines theoretical issues that inform the construction and comprehension of specific literary genres. Takes interest both in traditional conceptions of that genre and in efforts to redefine those traditional conceptions. Prereq: Completion of M.A.; enrollment is limited to Ph.D. students.

ENGL 8830. Dissertation Tutorial. 3 cr. hrs.

ENGL 8932. Advanced Studies in Selected Topics. 3 cr. hrs.
Various issues covering genres, literary periods, criticism, or language will be examined in a fashion that emphasizes reading from particular critical perspectives while recognizing options for interpretation. Prereq: Completion of M.A.; enrollment is limited to Ph.D. students.

ENGL 8995. Independent Study in English. 1-3 cr. hrs.
A course whose mode of instruction offers a student the opportunity to study or do in-depth research on a topic or subject matter not usually offered in the established curriculum, with a current Marquette faculty of his/her choice and independent of the classroom setting. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

ENGL 8999. Doctoral Dissertation. 1-12 cr. hrs.
S/U grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

ENGL 9970. Graduate Standing Continuation: Less than Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

ENGL 9974. Graduate Fellowship: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

ENGL 9975. Graduate Assistant Teaching: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

ENGL 9976. Graduate Assistant Research: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

ENGL 9984. Master’s Comprehensive Examination Preparation: Less than Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

ENGL 9985. Master’s Comprehensive Examination Preparation: Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

ENGL 9986. Master’s Comprehensive Examination Preparation: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

ENGL 9987. Doctoral Comprehensive Examination Preparation: Less than Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

ENGL 9988. Doctoral Comprehensive Examination Preparation: Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

ENGL 9989. Doctoral Comprehensive Examination Preparation: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

ENGL 9997. Doctoral Dissertation Continuation: Less than Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

ENGL 9998. Doctoral Dissertation Continuation: Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

ENGL 9999. Doctoral Dissertation Continuation: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.