

The Program. The BYU English M.A. is a two-year program including 26 hours of coursework and 6 hours of thesis writing designed to prepare students for doctoral work or careers in teaching, writing, or editing. In contrast to Ph.D. granting institutions, BYU's English department devotes all of its graduate resources to its MA students combining a reasonable tuition with significant financial support. The 55 graduate faculty provide a well-rounded program with depth in Literature, Rhetoric and Composition, and Creative Writing.

Student Profile. Most English M.A. students are LDS and come from the U.S. and Canada; a few come from other countries as well. Students are spread fairly evenly across the different emphases.

Acceptance Criteria. All applicants receive equal consideration based on grades and pre-requisites. Decisions are also based on the evaluation of submitted documents, the potential of the applicant to successfully complete a graduate program and the perceived fit between student interest and faculty expertise.

BYU provides valuable opportunities for graduate students to teach both Freshman and advanced writing courses. Graduate instructors receive a week of intensive training followed by regular in-service training. The graduate instructor has sole responsibility for the class, including class instruction, assignments, quizzes and exams, and final grades.

Acceptance into the English graduate program does not guarantee a teaching position.

M.A. students in English may receive the following types of financial aid:

- Research fellowships
- Research assistantships
- Tuition assistance
- Employment opportunities
- Department scholarships
- Paid internships

A financial aid packet is sent following acceptance. Paid internships and research assistantships must be applied for separately.

Admission Requirements

- B.A. in English or equivalent*
- One course in literary theory (equivalent to BYU's English 451 or 452)
- GRE General Test and writing sample

*Students without a B.A. in English must take or already have taken an equivalent course in fundamentals of literary interpretation and criticism, one course each in early British, later British, and American literature; and an advanced research and writing seminar (such as BYU's English 495).

How to Apply

- Submit a BYU Graduate School Application, including 3 letters of recommendation.
- Submit a statement of intent, including honors or awards received, any emphasis developed as an undergraduate, the emphasis planned for the M.A., and reasons for seeking an M.A. in English.
- Include a formal research paper with works cited section. Applicants with a creative writing emphasis must also submit samples of their work: 20 pages of prose or 10 pages of poetry.
- Submit GRE General Test scores.

International Applicants should contact the BYU Office of International Services for application requirements.

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Graduate and international application forms:

Office of Graduate Studies *or*
International Graduate
Admissions
105 FPH, BYU
Provo, UT 84602
(801) 422-4091

Teaching Opportunities:

Composition Office
4110 JFSB, BYU
Provo, UT 84602
(801) 422-3565

Graduate catalog* contact:

[www.byu.edu/gradstudies/
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