

ENGLISH

PHD IN ENGLISH • MA IN ENGLISH

The graduate programs in English offer a curriculum that provides advanced study in literature, culture, and textual studies over a number of historical periods.

PHD IN ENGLISH

The PhD degree in English is offered in three historical fields. Students who have completed the MA degree choose one of the following fields and complete the appropriate requirements.

- Medieval and Renaissance Literature
- Nineteenth-Century Studies
- Modern Literature and Culture

Our specialization in textual studies encompasses all three historical fields.

The PhD in English is designed to train students in literary and textual studies to become educators and researchers at the post-secondary level.

MA IN ENGLISH

The Department of English offers a broad MA degree program in literature, critical theory, and textual studies, with a teaching track option. In addition to coursework, the program requires a written examination.

Students take seminars in the department's main concentration areas (medieval and Renaissance studies, 19th-century studies, and modern literature and culture), and are introduced to new developments in textual studies and digital humanities.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The degree offers part-time and full-time enrollment.

Average time to completion for PhD: 6 years (full time), N/A (part time)

Average time to completion for MA: 1 year (full time), 2 years (part time)

Online options are not available.

INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- Internships and research opportunities are included as part of the MA curriculum.

Students in the teaching track are required to complete a teaching internship.

- Capstone experiences are included as part of both the PhD and MA curricula.

The PhD capstone includes a dissertation.

The MA capstone includes an MA exam.

ACADEMIC & STUDENT LIFE

Student organizations as well as service-learning opportunities are offered through the program.

The English Graduate Student Association

Service-learning opportunities can include working with the Literacy Center (neighborhood adult literacy tutoring).

EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

PhD students enrolled in the English program further their career by teaching at the university or college level or work in writing-related fields. Students in the MA program either go on to graduate school (English, Library Science, etc.), teach at the secondary or community college level, or work as professional writers in marketing, advertising, business, and non-profit organizations.

- Recent graduates from the PhD program are now employed at organizations like the University of West Virginia, Coastal Carolina University, Texas Tech, and Hillsdale College.
- Recent graduates from the MA program have enrolled in PhD programs at Vanderbilt, UNC Chapel Hill, and Cornell.
- Career services are available—learn more at LUC.edu/career.

PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

In the PhD program, all students participate in a carefully designed pedagogical training and mentorship program that emphasizes recent scholarship on the teaching of both writing and literature. Our emphasis on pedagogical training and close faculty-student mentorship has led to a strong job placement record and a quicker time to degree.

FACULTY

English faculty members are both passionate about their teaching and dedicated to their research. Areas of faculty interest include medieval and Renaissance literature and culture, 19th-century studies, modern literature and culture, and textual studies and digital humanities.

PREREQUISITES

Students who are applying to the PhD program are required to have earned a BA or MA in English. Students who are applying to the MA program are required to have earned an English BA.

FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov.

The Graduate School has limited funds available for financial assistance. Financial aid from Loyola's Financial Aid Office will not impact your ability to apply for financial aid through the Graduate School. To learn more about these financial aid opportunities, visit LUC.edu/finaid/graduateschool.

LEARN MORE

APPLY

gpem.LUC.edu/apply

For all application requirements and deadlines, please visit LUC.edu/gpem/info.

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