ENGLISH, MA/LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE, MLIS

In collaboration with several other academic units at UW-Milwaukee, SOIS offers students the opportunity to obtain two Master’s degrees concurrently—one in Library and Information Science (MLIS) and one in a subject area.

Degree Requirements

• The number of degree credits needed for each of the coordinated programs is usually 12 fewer than the sum of the two programs if they were not taken simultaneously. **All degree requirements of each component must be satisfied.**
• The MLIS portion of the coordinated degrees can be completed online.
• Prerequisite to the award of either degree in this program is the simultaneous award of its counterpart degree.

MLIS Component

The Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) component of each of the coordinated programs includes 30 credits of SOIS courses. These include the MLIS core courses (12 credits). The remaining 18 MLIS credits are selected from the School’s offerings in accordance with the student’s goals in the coordinated degree program.

MLIS/MA English

The MLIS/MA English Coordinated Degree Program prepares students for positions as humanities librarians.

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines

If at any time you are unsure about a published date or deadline (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines), call the Registrar’s Office at (414) 229-3800 or submit a contact form (http://uwm.edu/Registrar/contact-us) online.

Admission

An applicant must meet the UWM Graduate School requirements plus all admission requirements of both the School of Information Studies and the coordinated degree department. Please review the admission details of each program and contact an advisor with any questions.

Requirements

Students interested in the English MA/MLIS program are expected to follow all the requirements and standards as described in this section of the Bulletin with the following exceptions: the 21 credits required for the MA in English in the coordinated degree program are to be taken within the Department. Courses in related areas must be approved by the Director of Graduate Studies in English. For more information on this program, see the Library and Information Science page.

Credits and Courses

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| Other MLIS courses | 18 | Total Credits |

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<td>You must refer to the catalog pages of both individual master’s programs to ensure that you meet all requirements for both degrees.</td>
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English Courses

Students in the MA/MLIS program may subtract 9 elective credits from their chosen concentration below.

Students admitted to the master’s program earn the degree by completing a minimum of 30 credits of graduate coursework in English, writing a final project, and passing an oral examination at the conclusion of their coursework.

Although students must enroll initially in one of the five plans of study described below, students who demonstrate a capacity for doctoral work, and wish to earn a Ph.D. at UWM, are advised to proceed as rapidly as possible to the PhD program. Ordinarily students are not allowed to proceed beyond 30 credits without having been admitted to the doctoral program. No more than 27 credits earned at the master’s level may be included in the 54 credits required for the Ph.D.

Plan A (Literature and Cultural Theory)

A minimum of 30 credits, including:

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1 Which may include up to 6 credits of ENGLISH 790.

Additional Requirements

• A final project, which shall be a paper of at least 30 pages which grows out of and significantly expands some aspect of the student’s literary studies.
• An oral examination, usually lasting an hour and a half, which covers the final project and a separate 30-book reading list.
• All credits must be 600-level or above, with no more than 6 credits at the 600 level. (ENGLISH 701 must be counted as an elective.)

Plan B (Rhetoric and Composition)

A minimum of 30 credits, including:

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<td>ENGLISH 701</td>
<td>Writing Pedagogies</td>
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<td>ENGLISH 750</td>
<td>History of Rhetoric and Writing Studies</td>
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<td>History of Rhetoric II:</td>
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<td>Contemporary Rhetorical Theory</td>
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<td>ENGLISH 755</td>
<td>Issues in Writing Research</td>
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<td>ENGLISH 812</td>
<td>Seminar in Theories of Composition and Rhetoric:</td>
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Plan C (Creative Writing)
A minimum of 30 credits, including:

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<td>ENGLISH 715 &amp; ENGLISH 815</td>
<td>Narrative Craft and Theory. and Seminar in Fiction Writing:</td>
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<td>ENGLISH 716 &amp; ENGLISH 816</td>
<td>Poetic Craft and Theory. and Seminar in Poetry Writing:</td>
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<td>Select 6 credits in writing courses at the 600 or 700 level</td>
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Additional Requirements

- No more than 12 credits may be earned in 600-level courses.
- A final project, which shall be a collection of fiction and/or poetry, a novel, or other substantial work of imaginative writing.
- An oral examination, usually lasting an hour and a half, which covers the final project and a reading list of at least 30 texts representative of the student's literary background and interests.

Plan G (Professional Writing)
A minimum of 30 credits, selected in consultation with the student's advisor, including:

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<td>800-Level Seminar in Professional Writing (^1)</td>
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<td>ENGLISH 855 Seminar in Public Rhetorics and Community Engagement: (recommended)</td>
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<td>700-Level Professional Writing Practice or Pedagogy (^2)</td>
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\(^1\) Select 12 credits of the following which are especially recommended: 3

- ENGLISH 431 Topics in Advanced Communications: (Subtitle)
- ENGLISH 433 Creative Nonfiction for Publication
- ENGLISH 434 Editing and Publishing
- ENGLISH 439 Information Design
- ENGLISH 443 Grant Writing
- ENGLISH 444 Technical Editing
- ENGLISH 701 Writing Pedagogies
- ENGLISH 706 Seminar in Professional Writing Theory and Pedagogy
- ENGLISH 707 Writing for Business Management
- ENGLISH 708 Advanced Professional Writing
- ENGLISH 709 Rhetoric, Writing, and Information Technology
- ENGLISH 710 Advanced Project Management for Professional Writers
- ENGLISH 711 Topics in Professional Writing: Topics in Public and Professional Writing: (Subtitle)

Internship or Elective
Select an Internship or 700-level elective in Professional Writing that could lead to a final project \(^4\)

Total Credits 30

\(^1\) Or a related topic area approved by the advisor.
\(^2\) Or at the 400 level with the approval of a Plan G faculty advisor.
\(^3\) Students can take no more than 6 credits in any combination of 400-level U/G courses and interdisciplinary courses.
\(^4\) Students should consult with their advisor about which option would best suit their background and career goals. In general, students with little workplace experience will take the internship and those with substantial workplace experience will take a 700-level elective.

Note: Students who elect to complete a workplace project should expect to prepare a 30-page report justifying the project development and decisions in relationship to the relevant scholarly literature and/or in terms of empirical methods or studies conducted by the student.

Plan H (Media, Cinema, and Digital Studies)

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<td>Media Culture</td>
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<td>Select 9 credits in 700-level seminars in digital studies (theory, criticism, or writing) film and/or media</td>
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<td>ENGLISH 711</td>
<td>Topics in Professional Writing: Topics in Public and Professional Writing: (Subtitle)</td>
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<td>ENGLISH 714</td>
<td>Usability Studies</td>
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<td>ENGLISH 715</td>
<td>Narrative Craft and Theory: (Subtitle)</td>
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Note: Students who plan to apply to the Ph.D. program are advised to select 6 credits in literature or language courses as part of their electives.
ENGLISH 720  Modern Literary Theory
ENGLISH 737  Literature and Aesthetics
ENGLISH/HIST/  Approaches to the Modern I
MALLT 740
ENGLISH/HIST/  Approaches to the Modern II
MALLT 741
ENGLISH 743  Film Studies: (Subtitle)
ENGLISH 753  Contemporary Rhetorical Theory
ENGLISH 775  Modern English Literature: (Subtitle)
FILMSTD 669  Screening Sexuality: (Subtitle)
FILMSTD 700  Teaching Film Studies: (Subtitle)

Select 12 credits of electives in courses numbered 700 and above 12

Total Credits 30

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Program Requirements

Major Professor as Advisor
The student must have a Major Professor to advise and supervise
the student's work as specified in Graduate School regulations. The
coordinator of the student's concentration serves as an initial advisor.

Final Project
A research paper or other project appropriate to the student's
professional goals.

Oral Examination
Usually lasting an hour and a half, the oral exam covers the final project
and a reading list of at least 30 texts not listed in the project bibliography
or works cited list.

Regulations Concerning Final Projects and Oral Examinations
1. Students should consult with their advisors before completing 24
credits to determine a final project. Ordinarily, it is a revised and
expanded course or seminar paper of at least 30 pages. The project
should demonstrate the student's skills in research, critical analysis,
argumentation, and prose style. For students in Plan C (Creative
Writing), the project is a substantial portfolio, the exact character
of which is determined in consultation with the student's M.A.
Committee. The project serves both as a concluding effort at the
master's level and also as an indication of a student's potential for
doctoral study.

2. In consultation with the student, the Director of Graduate Studies
appoints an M.A. Examining Committee. At least two of the three
members must be English Graduate Faculty. The M.A. Examining
Committee administers the final Oral Examination, covering the
project and a separate reading list of at least 30 texts, to be selected
by the student and approved by the Committee.

3. The project must be submitted and the oral examination completed
within one year after the completion of 24 credits. Students should
remember that a maximum of 27 credits at the master's level is
applicable to the Ph.D. 54 credit requirement.

4. The Examining Committee offers a recommendation regarding the
student's qualifications for further graduate study at the doctoral
level. The Committee Chair puts this recommendation in writing and
places it in the student's academic file.

5. Students who fail the oral examination may be required to revise their
final project, retake the examination, or both. The oral examination
may be retaken only once. No additional credits may be earned for
the revision of the project after a failed examination. For further
information regarding the M.A. project and examination, see the
English Graduate Program Handbook.

Time Limit
The student must complete all degree requirements within five years of
initial enrollment.