

Program Sheet: M.A. in English, University of West Georgia

[**Note:** These outlines are for planning purposes; please consult with the Director of Graduate Studies about your individual progress and plans. Students may apply for and enter the program in any semester—fall, spring, or summer. Students may change their track designation and thus change the required number of courses and graduation requirements. The order of classes taken depends on course offerings and student preference. Assistantships are not required but are included here to illustrate workload expectations for students with a GRA or GTA.]

Sample Two-Year Plan: Thesis Track*

Time	Courses	Assistantship	Examinations
Fall Semester 1	American Lit II – 3h British Lit I – 3h [Completion of Foreign Language 2002 with B or higher as undergraduate]	GA (3h Writing Center & 10h research/week)	[alternative to FL undergraduate completion: Foreign Language Exam OR Foreign Language 2002—does not count toward required hours in English]
Spring Semester 1	British Lit II – 3h Special Topics – 3h	GA (3h Writing Center & 10h research/week)	
Summer Semester 1	American Lit I – 3h Special Topics – 3h	GA (3h Writing Center & 10h research/week)*	
Fall Semester 2	Special Topics – 3h Independent Study – 3h	TA (3h Writing Center & 10h assisting FYW instructor in Engl 1101/week)	
Spring Semester 2	American Lit I – 3h Thesis Hours – 3h	TA (13h assisting in 2000-level course/week)	Thesis completion & defense
Summer Semester 2	Oral Exam Reading Hours (no credit toward degree)		Oral Exam
Total	30 credit hours (plus thesis & oral exam)		

*Please note: In the Thesis Track, no more than **two (2)** 5000-level courses count as credit toward the degree. 5000-level graduate courses are graduate sections of upper-level undergrad courses.

Sample Two-Year Plan: Non-Thesis Track*

Time	Courses & Credit Hours	Assistantship	Examinations
Fall Semester 1	American Lit II – 3h British Lit I – 3h [Completion of Foreign Language 2002 with B or higher as undergraduate]	GA (3h Writing Center & 10h research/week)	[alternative to FL undergraduate completion: Foreign Language Exam OR Foreign Language 2002—does not count toward required hours in English]
Spring Semester 1	British Lit II – 3h Special Topics – 3h 5000-level course – 3h	GA (3 h Writing Center & 10h research/week)	
Summer Semester 1	American Lit I – 3h Special Topics – 3h	GA (3h Writing Center & 10h research/week)*	
Fall Semester 2	Special Topics – 3h American Lit II – 3h Independent Study – 3h	TA (3 h Writing Center & 10h assisting FYW instructor in Engl 1101)	
Spring Semester 2	British Lit II – 3h 5000-level course – 3h	TA (13h assisting in 2000-level course/week)	
Summer Semester 2	Oral Exam Reading Hours (no credit toward degree)		Oral Exam
Total	36 credit hours (plus oral exam)		

*Please note: In the Non-Thesis Track, no more than **three (3)** 5000-level courses count as credit toward the degree. 5000-level graduate courses are graduate sections of upper-level undergrad courses.

Sample Two-Year Plan: Capstone Track*

Time	Courses & Credit Hours	Assistantship	Examinations
Fall Semester 1	American Lit II – 3h British Lit I – 3h [Completion of Foreign Language 2002 with B or higher as undergraduate]	GA (3h Writing Center & 10h research)	[alternative to FL undergraduate completion: Foreign Language Exam OR Foreign Language 2002—does not count toward required hours in English]
Spring Semester 1	British Lit II – 3h Special Topics – 3h	GA (3 h Writing Center & 10 h research)	
Summer Semester 1	American Lit I – 3h Special Topics – 3h	GA (3 h Writing Center & 10 h research)*	
Fall Semester 2	Special Topics – 3h Independent Study – 3h	TA (3 h Writing Center & 10h assisting FYW instructor in Engl 1101)	
Spring Semester 2	American Lit I – 3h 5000-level course – 3h	TA (3h Writing Center & 10h assisting in 2000-level)	Capstone completion & defense
Summer Semester 2	Oral Exam Reading Hours (no credit toward degree)		Oral Exam
Total	30 credit hours (plus capstone and oral exam)		

*Please note: In the Capstone Track, no more than **three (3)** 5000-level courses count as credit toward the degree. 5000-level graduate courses are graduate sections of upper-level undergrad courses.

** Summer assistantships are based on availability of funds and are usually awarded for one month only (carrying tuition remission for the full duration of all summer classes).