

The English Department has established the following learning outcomes for students completing the M.A. in English:

- English graduate students will demonstrate the ability to produce professional-quality research papers that could be used as the basis for conference presentations or professional publications.
- English graduate students will demonstrate the use of a variety of interpretive strategies for analyzing multiple kinds of texts, including close reading, contextual analysis, analysis of form and genre, and rhetorical analysis.
- English graduate students will demonstrate the use of theories related to the representation of culture, race, class, gender, and sexuality to interpret literary texts.
- English graduate students will demonstrate the ability to participate in the professional life of the field as scholars, teachers, editors, and/or writers.