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**PROGRAM/DEGREE REQUIREMENT CHANGE (MAJOR)**

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See <http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty-senate/curriculum/course-degree-procedures/> for a complete description of the rules governing curriculum & course changes.

**PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:**

DEGREE PROGRAM	English
Degree Level: (i.e., Certificate, A.A., A.A.S., B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D.)	M.A.

**A. CHANGE IN DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: (Brief statement of program/degree changes and objectives)**

The Non-Thesis Option is no longer available.

**B. CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG:**

General University Requirements

[Complete the general university requirements.](#)

Master's Degree Requirements

[Complete the master's degree requirements.](#)

Pass a written comprehensive examination based on a standardized reading list <sup>1</sup>

Students may advance to candidacy when their advisory committee deems that they have made satisfactory progress toward completion of their degree.

Pass an oral defense of the thesis or non-thesis project.

Program Requirements

[ENGL F601](#) Theory, Criticism and Methods <sup>2</sup> 3

[ENGL F685](#) Teaching College Composition (or ENGL F600-level elective course) <sup>3</sup> 3

Electives

Select three from the following: 9

[ENGL F603](#) Studies in British Literature: Old and Middle English

[ENGL F604](#) Studies in British Literature: Renaissance and 17th-Century

[ENGL F606](#) Studies in British Literature: Restoration and 18th Century

[ENGL F607](#) Studies in British Literature: 19th Century

Select one from the following: 3

[ENGL F609](#) Early and Romantic American Literature

[ENGL F611](#) American Realism and Modernism

[ENGL F612](#) Twentieth-Century American Literature

Select one from the following: 3

[ENGL F608](#) Studies in British Literature After 1900

[ENGL F614](#) Studies in Comparative Literature

[ENGL F615](#) Contemporary Literature

Thesis or Non-Thesis Option

Select the thesis or non-thesis option	15-24
Total Credits	36-45

### Thesis Option

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 30 credits

Thesis

ENGL F699

Thesis 6

ENGL electives <sup>4</sup> 18

Pass an oral defense of the thesis.

Total Credits 24

### Non-Thesis option

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 36 credits

Non-Thesis

Additional approved ENGL F600-level electives 9

ENGL F698 Non-Thesis Research/Project 6

A research paper which the advisory committee judges to be of publishable quality.

Pass an oral defense of the non-thesis project.

Total Credits 15

<sup>1</sup> The examination is to be taken in the student's second year of work. The examination will be held on the Saturday ending the fourth full week of classes in the spring semester.

<sup>2</sup> Students are required to take ENGL F601 in their first year of study.

<sup>3</sup> Required if you are a teaching assistant or planning to teach.

<sup>4</sup> To maximize breadth of study, M.A. students and their advisors will draft individualized courses of study with the following program requirements in mind. The advisor will direct students to courses covering the required areas, subject to particular exemptions based upon undergraduate course work. Exemptions and any subsequent revisions of the course of study must have the agreement of the advisor and department head. Plans can be revised to substitute an appropriate seminar for one of the courses.

**Note:** Students may apply up to 3 credit hours of independent study toward the English M.A. degree requirements

### C. PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS AS IT WILL APPEAR IN THE CATALOG WITH THESE CHANGES: (Underline new wording ~~strike through old wording~~ and use complete catalog format )

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Students may advance to candidacy when their advisory committee deems that they have made satisfactory progress toward completion of their degree.

Pass an oral defense of the thesis ~~or non-thesis project~~.

Program Requirements

ENGL F601

ENGL F685

Theory, Criticism and Methods <sup>2</sup> 3

Electives Teaching College Composition (or ENGL F600-level elective course) <sup>3</sup> 3

Select three from the following:

ENGL F603 9

ENGL F604

ENGL F606

ENGL F607

Select one from the following:

ENGL F609

ENGL F611

ENGL F612

Select one from the following:

ENGL F608

ENGL F614

ENGL F615

Additional Approved Elective

3 Credits

ENGL 699

Thesis 6 credits

Thesis or Non-Thesis Option

Total Credits

3

3

15-

24

36-

45

### **Thesis Option**

~~Minimum Requirements for Degree: 30 credits~~

Thesis

ENGL 601

ENGL 685

ENGL F699

Theory, Criticism and Methods

Teaching College Composition

Thesis

3

3

3

6

~~ENGL electives<sup>4</sup>~~

Pass an oral defense of the thesis.

Total Credits

18

24-30

### **~~Non-Thesis option~~**

~~Minimum Requirements for Degree: 36 credits~~

~~Non-Thesis~~

~~Additional approved ENGL F600-level electives~~

ENGL F698

~~Non-Thesis Research/Project~~

~~A research paper which the advisory committee judges to be of publishable quality.~~

~~Pass an oral defense of the non-thesis project.~~

Total Credits

9

6

15

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**D. ESTIMATED IMPACT**

WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON BUDGET, FACILITIES/SPACE, FACULTY, ETC.

NONE

**E. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS:**

What programs/departments will be affected by this proposed action?  
Include information on the Programs/Departments contacted (e.g., email, memo)

NONE

**F. IF MAJOR CHANGE - ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAM:**

Description of the student learning outcomes assessment process.)


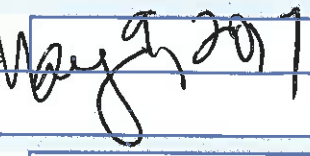
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**JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED**

The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize program/degree change applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. If you drop a course, is it because the material is covered elsewhere? Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed change and explain what has been done to ensure that the quality of the program is not compromised as a result.

Students have not selected the non-thesis option in over a decade. The non-thesis option has not increased interest from registered graduate students or program applicants. The English Department will not invest in that path to the MA degree any longer.

APPROVALS: SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNANCE OFFICE

			
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Signature, Dean, College/School of:			

CHAIR SIGNATURE OBTAINED FOLLOWING APPROVAL BY FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE

 		Date	
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