# English (MA): Rhetoric and Composition

## Degree Requirements

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<td><strong>Core Courses</strong></td>
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<td>ENG 511</td>
<td>Theory and Research In Composition</td>
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### Rhetoric Course

Select one of the following courses listed under "Rhetoric Courses" listed below

### Rhetoric and Composition Courses

Select two courses from "Rhetoric Courses" or "Research Component Courses" listed below.

#### Linguistics Course

Select a Linguistics course approved in conjunction with the academic committee.

### Research Component Course

Select one additional course from “Research Component Courses” listed below.

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<td>ENG 512</td>
<td>Theory and Research In Professional Writing</td>
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#### Research Component Courses

Before embarking on your capstone research, select one research methods course congruent with your disciplinary interests.

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<td>ENG 525</td>
<td>Discourse Analysis</td>
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## Rhetoric Courses

These courses address major issues and concepts in rhetoric ranging from Greek antiquity to contemporary poststructuralism, and applications from public speeches to popular culture to teaching to technical communication.

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<td>ENG 527</td>
<td>Verbal Data Analysis</td>
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## Open Elective Courses

Select two electives courses approved in conjunction with the academic committee.

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<td>ENG 554</td>
<td>Contemporary Rhetorical Theory</td>
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## Total Hours

**33**

1. May include special topics courses in areas such as computers and composition, emerging genres, writing across the curriculum, and writing program administration (usually offered as ENG 583 Studies In Rhetoric and Writing).
2. ENG 525 Variety In Language is recommended if you are planning a teaching career. Note: If you choose a linguistics course to fulfill your research methods requirement (e.g., ENG 527 Discourse Analysis), you may take an additional rhetoric or composition elective in this slot instead.
3. The capstone project should be on a topic that draws from scholarship in the area of rhetoric and composition or that is of clear relevance in the field. It should be conceived to address a specific audience and designed for a specific situation; thus, it could be composed as an article targeting a specific journal or conference; a curriculum plan or teaching materials for a particular instructional agenda; an online resource fulfilling a well defined need; etc. The master's project should be developed in consultation with faculty in rhetoric and composition and must be approved by the advisor for the concentration.
4. "Open Elective Courses" may be from rhetoric and composition, linguistics, literature, digital humanities or other areas within the English Department, or, when appropriate to meet particular goals, from the Department of Communication, Foreign Languages, History, Psychology, the College of Education, or other fields.
ENG 527 Discourse Analysis 3
ENG 532 Narrative Analysis 3
ENG/COM 581 Visual Rhetoric: Theory and Criticism 3
ENG 583 Studies In Rhetoric and Writing 3
ENG 585 Studies In Film 3
ENG 587 Interdisciplinary Studies in English 3

5 ENG 583 Studies In Rhetoric and Writing when topic is methodological
6 ENG 585 Studies In Film when focused on pertinent methodologies
7 ENG 587 Interdisciplinary Studies in English when focused on pertinent methodologies

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