

Program:	Composition and Rhetoric	Dept:	English
Major:	Composition and Rhetoric	College:	Liberal Arts
Degree:	Master of Arts (M.A.)	Major Code:	5700

Composition and Rhetoric, M.A.

The master's degree in Composition and Rhetoric provides focused study in composition pedagogy, the history of rhetoric, and composition and rhetorical theory and prepares students for post-secondary teaching and doctoral-level research in these fields.

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Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies
100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
Edmond, OK 73034

- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions.
- Transcripts must show:
 - A minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA (overall) or 3.0 undergraduate GPA (last 60 hours completed); and 18 hours of English (3000- or above) with a 3.0 GPA.
 - Students may gain conditional admission by achieving a score of 150 (verbal) and 4.5 (analytical writing) on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.18\)](#).

**Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with his/her graduate program advisor and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following coursework standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than six hours of "C".
 - No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
 - At least 21 of the 33 total hours must be in Graduate English courses.
- Language Requirement. Demonstrate reading knowledge of one foreign language in one of the following ways:
 - Pass a foreign language reading examination administered by the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultural Studies.
 - Earn a "C" or better in a minimum of six credit hours in a single foreign language at the University of Central Oklahoma. These hours will not count toward the M.A. degree.
 - Produce evidence of having earned a "C" or better in a

minimum of six credit hours in a single foreign language at an approved college or university. These hours will not count toward the M.A. degree.

- Thesis or Portfolio Requirement. Complete an acceptable thesis, including an oral defense, or portfolio, including an oral examination.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements**Theory and Research Core9 Hours**

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ENG	5013	Approaches to Graduate Studies
ENG	5643	Theories and Methods of Cultural Study
ENG	5743	Theoretical Approaches to Literature

Required Courses12 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ENG	5553	History of Rhetoric to 1700
ENG	5653	History of Rhetoric Since 1700
ENG	5723	Composition Pedagogies
ENG	5783	Composition Theory and Research

Approved Electives9 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ENG	5023	Technical Writing
ENG	5143	Blogs: New Independent Media
ENG	5283	English Grammar and Usage
ENG	5303	Technical Editing
ENG	5343	Linguistics
ENG	5413	TESL Grammar
ENG	5473	Advanced Composition
ENG	5493	Document Design
ENG	5533	Teaching Methods for Teaching Assistants
ENG	5910	Seminar / Special Topics

Capstone Experience3 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ENG	5793	Graduate Studies Portfolio, OR
ENG	5990	Thesis

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 33 HOURS