

# Department of English Graduate Studies

The Department of English at the University of Louisville is proud to offer an **M.A. in English** and a **Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Composition**. With over twenty-five faculty members, our acclaimed graduate programs boast strengths in rhetoric and composition, literature in English, and creative writing.

## **M.A. in English**

Our M.A. program in English offers advanced training in literary studies, with options for coursework in creative writing, rhetoric and composition, and professional writing. The program prepares students to go on to a Ph.D. program in literary studies, rhetoric and composition, creative writing, cultural studies, or related fields. The English department awards up to 20 Graduate Teaching Assistantships to our top M.A. applicants each year to work in our **University Writing Center** and **Composition Program**. Assistantships include tuition remission, insurance, and a stipend.

## **Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Composition**

Internationally recognized since its founding in 1978, our Ph.D. program in Rhetoric and Composition prepares students for academic careers in the study and practice of rhetoric and composition. Eligible students are fully funded through teaching positions or University fellowships, which include tuition waivers, insurance, and a stipend. In addition, our students benefit from valuable administrative experience as assistant directors of the **University Writing Center**, the **Composition Program**, or the **Thomas R. Watson Conference**.

## **Careers & Job Placement**

Graduates from our **M.A. program** have gone on to pursue doctoral studies at such universities as Rice University, the University of Pittsburgh, and the University of New Hampshire, or to M.F.A. programs in creative writing. Our program also prepares students for any career in writing, publishing, research, business, education, or the non-profit sector.

Our **Ph.D. program** boasts a successful track record of placing graduates into tenure-track academic positions. Recent program graduates have gone on to such universities as the University of Alabama, Auburn University, Berea College, the University of Central Florida, the University of Cincinnati, the University of Pittsburgh, Queens College (CUNY), State University of New York, Syracuse University, Wake Forest University, and the University of Washington. Many of our Ph.D. graduates have also become directors of writing centers.

## Research

Students in our M.A. and Ph.D. programs work closely with our acclaimed faculty members, who are experts in a variety of areas of English studies. Research in the Ph.D. program will culminate in a dissertation supervised by English faculty members and one outside reader. Many of our graduates have gone on to publish their dissertation research as books and journal articles, and students in our programs regularly present at national and international conferences.

Through the **Thomas R. Watson Endowment**, a distinguished visiting professor teaches one of our graduate seminars every other year. This means that graduate students may work with up to two Watson professors during their time in our program.

## Professional Opportunities

Many of our students participate in two internationally recognized conferences: the **Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture since 1900** and the **Thomas R. Watson Conference on Rhetoric and Composition**. Our graduate students also benefit from a range of professional opportunities available in our department, including:

- Assistant Director of Composition
- Assistant Director of the University Writing Center
- Assistant Director of the Thomas R. Watson Conference
- Assistant Director of Creative Writing
- Graduate Editor of *Miracle Monocle*
- Research Assistant

## Apply Now

Ready to apply? We look forward to seeing your application! Go to [www.louisville.edu/english/graduate](http://www.louisville.edu/english/graduate).

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## Our programs at a glance

- M.A. in English
- Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Composition
- Fully funded M.A. and Ph.D. programs for eligible students
- Over 25 internationally acclaimed faculty experts
- Many opportunities for administrative, professional, and publishing experience
- Graduate internship option
- Career perspectives in higher education, publishing, business, and non-profits
- Two internationally recognized conferences
- Dynamic graduate student community



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