



UNIVERSITY OF  
**LOUISVILLE**  
GRADUATE SCHOOL

# GRADUATE STUDIES

Department of English

The Department of English at the University of Louisville is proud to offer an MA in English and a PhD in Rhetoric and Composition. With over 25 full-time faculty members, our internationally renowned programs boast strengths in rhetoric and composition; literature in English; and creative writing.

### **MA in English**

Our MA program in English offers advanced training in literary studies, with options for coursework in creative writing, rhetoric and composition and professional writing. This program prepares our students to go on to a PhD program in literary studies, rhetoric and composition, creative writing, cultural studies or related fields, or to an MFA in creative writing.

Our program also prepares students for any career in writing, publishing, research, business, education or the non-profit sector. The department awards up to 20 Graduate Teaching Assistantships to our top MA applicants each year, which includes tuition remission, insurance, and a stipend.

### **PhD in Rhetoric and Composition**

Internationally recognized since its founding in 1978, our PhD 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, Creative Writing, or the Thomas R. Watson Conference.



## Research

Graduate students in our MA and PhD programs work closely with our acclaimed faculty members, who are experts in a variety of areas of English studies. Research in the PhD program will culminate in a dissertation supervised by faculty in the English department and one outside reader.

The Thomas R. Watson Endowment allows for a distinguished visiting professor to teach one of our graduate courses every other year. This means that graduate students may work with up to two Watson professors during their time in our program.

Many of our graduates have gone on to publish their dissertation research as books and journal articles, and students in our program regularly present at national and international conferences.

## Careers & Job Placement

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

Our **PhD 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 PhD graduates have also become directors of writing centers.



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GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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



## QUICK OVERVIEW

- MA in English
- PhD in Rhetoric and Composition
- Fully funded PhD program for eligible students
- Up to 20 available Graduate Teaching Assistantships for MA 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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