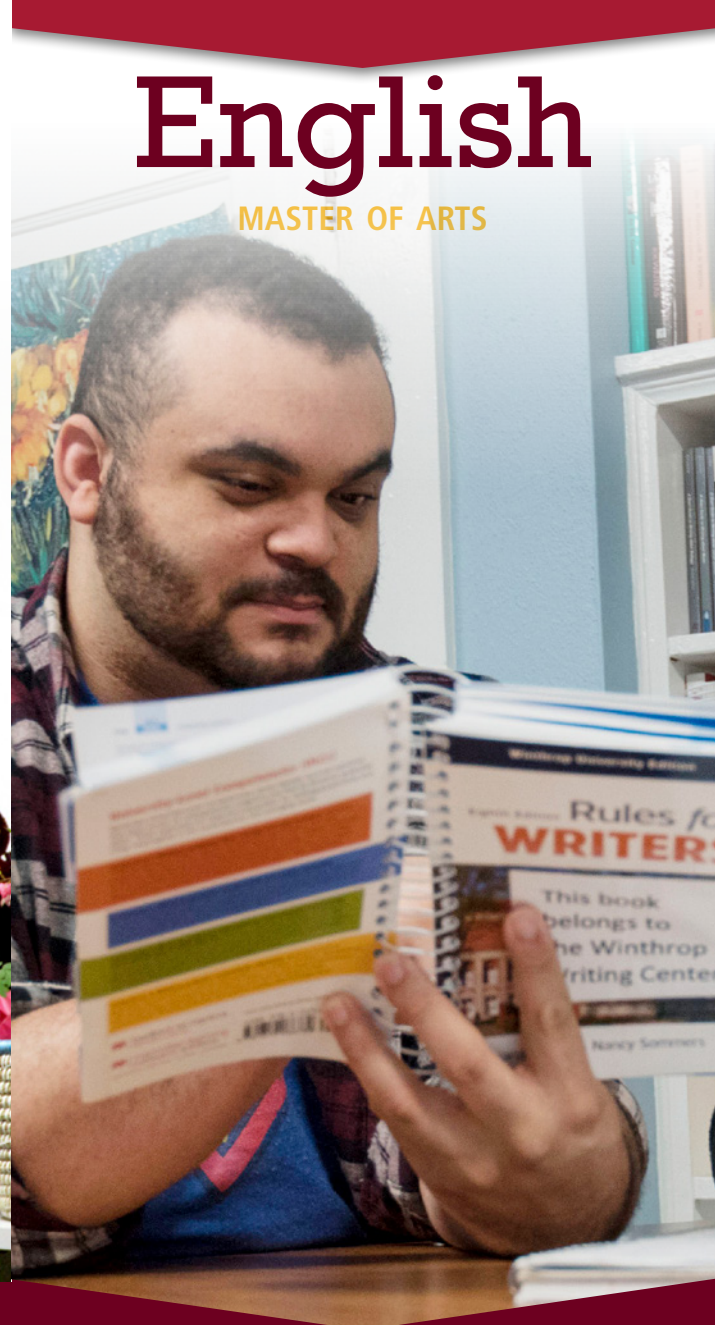




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The Value of an M.A.

The Master of Arts in English from Winthrop University offers a valuable 21st century professional credential. A 2011 Association of Departments of English study shows that nearly half of faculty members teaching English in American colleges and universities hold the master's as their highest degree. Our graduates go on to highly competitive doctoral programs as well as careers in secondary and college teaching, writing, and the public sector.

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We welcome you to visit the Department of English, talk to faculty and students, and learn why the Winthrop M.A. in English is such an outstanding opportunity for students who love literature, writing, and teaching.

Program Details

The Winthrop Master of Arts in English emphasizes the study of literature, while students are also able to take courses in creative writing, composition and rhetoric, and pedagogy, as well as corollary courses in other departments when appropriate. You may pursue the option of writing a thesis in literature, creative writing, or rhetoric and composition. During your program of study here, you will reap the benefits of collegial classroom environments, careful mentoring, and opportunities for professional development. In addition, you'll gain important experience by working with faculty who are actively engaged in important scholarly and pedagogical research.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the program takes place on a rolling basis throughout the year and usually requires the previous completion of 24 semester hours of approved courses in English, in addition to the general requirements for admission to graduate study at Winthrop University. Please consult the Graduate Catalog for details. Students wishing to be considered for assistantships or scholarships in the department should also submit two letters of recommendation and a writing sample consisting of an original critical paper on a literary or rhetorical/composition subject of at least ten double-spaced typed pages, sent to the graduate director.



What Our Graduates Say

"Winthrop can develop the graduate mind in ways that a bigger school simply cannot. The inclusive feel of Winthrop's English master's program allowed me to explore texts in ways that I wouldn't have if I had been 'just another student.'"

Jimmy Butts '09, Director of University Writing Program, Department of English, Louisiana State University

"The one-on-one support I received from the English faculty at Winthrop allowed me to customize my graduate program to focus on my interest in composition and rhetoric. It has prepared me to be an excellent educator and the encouragement of the faculty helped me develop the skills I've relied upon in continuing my career into higher education leadership."

Jenn Beattie '04, Chair of the Department of English and Comprehensive Studies, Tri County Technical College

"With papers to grade and grammar to teach, it can sometimes be hard to remember why I began studying English. I originally enrolled in Winthrop's M.A. in English program to help revive my own love for literature, but I've also found myself bringing discussion topics and theory from my graduate courses into my own classroom."

Erin Sharpe '12, English teacher, Gastonia Day School

"The combination of department size, active scholarship, and enthusiasm for student success gives the English M.A. program at Winthrop an edge with which larger institutions cannot compete. I especially appreciated the working relationships with the faculty, which allowed me the freedom to explore my research interests and settle on a field of study and the guidance necessary to prepare me professionally for the next stage of my academic career."

Christina Williams '10, Ph.D. candidate, University of Kentucky