Students seeking an M.A. in English may choose either Plan I (24 semester hours plus a thesis) or Plan II (33 semester hours and a capstone project). Both plans require a minimum of 18 semester hours in literature courses offered by the English Department. All MA students should meet with the English Graduate Advisor as soon as possible to create a Program of Study with the appropriate array of courses. Special certificate programs require additional semester hours, which are determined by guidelines given below and in consultation with the appropriate program advisors. Nine semester hours of graduate work in English may be transferred with the approval of the department. Other requirements are as follows:

All Master of Arts in English Programs share certain basic requirements (except as noted):

- At least half of the hours you take toward your degree (but not including any thesis hours) must be at the 600 level.
- At least 18 hours in your program must be in literature. To count, a course should deal with literature directly, rather than with writing or other topics. Please check to confirm if you have any questions about a specific course. Special certificate programs require additional hours that are determined in consultation with the appropriate program advisors.
- You must complete all work toward your degree within thirty semesters of the first course you take (counting summers). Courses taken between eighteen and thirty semesters prior to your degree program completion date may be re-validated by departmental exams negotiated with the specific faculty member who has responsibility for that course; any graduate course more than thirty semesters old may not be used.
- EH 540 and EH 649 indicate “Special Topics” courses. Often these are new courses, or courses taught by visiting faculty. You may include any number of these classes in your program of study, as long as you meet other requirements.
- Up to nine hours of graduate work in English may be transferred from other institutions with the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies. At least nine hours in English courses numbered 600 or above must be completed here at UAH (exclusive of thesis hours).
- You may take a maximum course load of 15 semester hours per semester, although 9 hours is considered full-time.
- You must maintain a 3.0 G.P.A. in all courses taken at the graduate level. If in any semester your cumulative G.P.A. falls below that 3.0 level, you will be on probation. You might also wish to assess your commitment to a graduate program.
- If your Program of Study requires 18 hours in literature, you will need to complete a thesis or a capstone project.
- You must demonstrate reading proficiency of French, German, Spanish, or another language deemed by the department to be academically appropriate. Adequate reading knowledge may be demonstrated by one of the following options:
  - Four semesters or their equivalent in one language with a minimum average grade of B at an accredited institution, completed not more than five years before your first graduate course in the UAH program or taken during your time in the M.A. program.
  - Intermediate-level performance on a UAH examination in the language, given by arrangement with the appropriate member of the faculty in the Department of Foreign Language.
  - In lieu of the language requirement, additional graduate coursework of three semester hours of English. EHL 505 (Survey of General Linguistics) or EHL 507 (Advanced English Grammar Studies) or a designated course of a similar nature is required. These three semester hours are generally in addition to the hours required for the M.A. degree itself. Bear in mind that many Ph.D. programs still expect proficiency in one or often two foreign languages, however.

1. At least half of the semester hours for the degree (exclusive of thesis semester hours) must be in courses numbered 600 or above, and at least nine semester hours in English courses at UAH numbered 600 or above (exclusive of thesis semester hours);
2. Six semester hours of EH 699 for students following Plan I;
3. A maximum course load of 9 semester hours per semester;
4. Thesis or capstone oral defense.
5. A reading knowledge of French, German, Spanish, or another language deemed by the department to be academically appropriate. Adequate reading knowledge must be demonstrated by one of the following options:
   a. Nine semester hours or their equivalent in one language with a minimum average grade of B at an accredited institution completed not more than five years before the student's first graduate course in the UAH program.
   c. In lieu of the language requirement, additional graduate course work of three semester hours of English EHL 505, EHL 507, or an approved course of similar nature is required. EHL 509 will sometimes be appropriate for approval, depending on the topic.

**English, MA – Alternative Fifth Year Program for Class A Teacher Certification in English**

This program is for people who have earned a bachelor’s degree, and have now decided that they want to teach English in Alabama’s public schools. At the end of this program, you will have both an M.A. in English and a recommendation for a Class A teaching certificate. If you have an undergraduate degree in Language Arts you will probably not have to take additional coursework before being admitted to the program. The M.A. program itself consists of 24 credit hours in English, of which 18 hours must be in literature; 24 hours of graduate Education courses, a 1-hour practicum in Education, and a 6 hour internship. You will need to complete a capstone project for this program, as the course requirements do not leave room for a thesis. We usually advise you to take the English component first, because in the event that you change your mind and decide against becoming certified, the
English courses, unlike those in Education, will still lead toward an M. A. degree. The program generally requires 5 semesters to complete prior to the semester-long internship.

The Education courses you would take are as follows:

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- English, MA Capstone Project (Plan II) (http://catalog.uah.edu/grad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/english-ma/capstone)
- English, MA Alternative Fifth Year Program for Class A Certification in English (http://catalog.uah.edu/grad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/english-ma/fifth-year)
- English, MA with TESOL Certificate (http://catalog.uah.edu/grad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/english-ma/tesol)
- JUMP Program (http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/academic-information/jump)

Graduate Certificates:

- TESOL Certificate (http://catalog.uah.edu/grad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/english-ma/tesol-cert)