English, MA - Thesis Option

Basic Requirements:
• Thirty-three hours total, including 27 hours of coursework (or nine courses) and six hours (or two courses) of thesis credit. At least one-third of the hours taken toward the degree should be at the 600 level.

• All work toward the degree must be completed within 10 years of the first course taken. Courses taken between 6 and 10 years prior to the program completion date must be re-validated by departmental exams administered by the specific faculty member who has responsibility for that course; any graduate course more than 10 years old may not be used.

• Up to nine hours of graduate work in English may be transferred from other institutions with the approval of the Director of English Graduate Studies. At least nine hours in English courses numbered 500 or above must be completed at UAH (exclusive of thesis hours).

• A full-time student must take a minimum of nine hours per semester. A student is permitted to take up to 13 hours per semester after consulting with the Director of English Graduate Studies (ehgrad@uah.edu) about doing so.

• A student must maintain a 3.000 GPA in all courses taken at the graduate level. A student whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.000 shall be placed on Academic Probation Status.

Thesis Requirements:
This program leads to an M.A. in English, and includes the thesis option. A student takes 27 hours of coursework (nine courses) in English, plus a minimum of six hours of thesis credit (two courses), once a thesis advisor and a topic have been selected. If not finished with the thesis at the end of six hours, additional thesis hours may be taken subject to the rules about time-to-completion of the degree. Thesis hours must be taken during the semester in which a student defends and completes the thesis, and during any other semester in which the advisor’s assistance is required. For more on the thesis, contact the Director of English Graduate Studies (ehgrad@uah.edu).