English, MA - Thesis Option

Basic Requirements:

• 24 hours of coursework (or 8 courses). At least one-third of the hours you take toward your degree should be at the 600 level.

• At least 18 hours in your program should be courses in literature.

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

• Up to 9 hours of graduate work in English may be transferred from other institutions with the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies. At least 9 hours in English courses numbered 500 or above must be completed here at UAH (exclusive of thesis hours).

• To be a full-time student, you will need to take a course load of 9 hours per semester. While you are permitted to take up to 13 semester hours per term, you should consult with the Director of English Graduate Studies (ehgrad@uah.edu) about doing so.

• You must maintain a 3.0 GPA in all courses taken at the graduate level. If in any semester your cumulative GPA falls below that 3.0 level, you will be placed on probation.

Thesis Requirements:

This program leads to an M.A. in English, and includes the thesis option. You take 24 hours of coursework (8 courses) in English, plus a minimum of six hours of thesis credit (2 courses), once you have selected a thesis advisor and a topic. If you are not finished with the thesis at the end of those 6 hours, you may take additional thesis hours, subject to the rules about time-to-completion of the degree. You must register for thesis hours in the semester you complete and defend the thesis, and in any other semester or term where you anticipate requiring your advisor’s assistance. For more on the thesis, contact the Director of English Graduate Studies (ehgrad@uah.edu).