

ENGLISH LITERATURE, CERTIFICATE IN (GRADUATE CERTIFICATE)

Program goals

The Department of English's graduate certificate program provides students with the necessary skills, knowledge and accreditation to teach dual enrollment and baccalaureate courses in English literature in Virginia colleges and universities. The program is designed for students who already hold an M.A. degree or who are currently pursuing an M.A. degree. Students will learn how to develop advanced analyses of literary works in relation to genre, historical and cultural contexts and literary theories. All courses will be held online.

Student learning outcomes

- Students will be able to explain the historical and cultural significance of literature written primarily in English.
- Students will be able to explain the different methods and theories literary scholars have developed to analyze literary texts.
- Students will be able to explain key topics of focus in English literary studies (such as race and ethnicity, the environment, and literature), literary genres, and literary movements and periods.
- Students will produce advanced analyses of literary works in relation to genre and historical and cultural contexts.
- Graduates of the certificate program will secure the necessary skills, knowledge and accreditation to teach dual enrollment and baccalaureate courses in English literature.

VCU Graduate Bulletin, VCU Graduate School and general academic policies and regulations for all graduate students in all graduate programs

The VCU Graduate Bulletin website documents the official admission and academic rules and regulations that govern graduate education for all graduate programs at the university. These policies are established by the graduate faculty of the university through their elected representatives to the University Graduate Council.

It is the responsibility of all graduate students, both on- and off-campus, to be familiar with the VCU Graduate Bulletin as well as the Graduate School website (<http://www.graduate.vcu.edu/>) and academic regulations in individual school and department publications and on program websites. However, in all cases, the official policies and procedures of the University Graduate Council, as published on the VCU Graduate Bulletin and Graduate School websites, take precedence over individual program policies and guidelines.

Visit the [academic regulations section for additional information on academic regulations for graduate students.](https://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-regs/) (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-regs/>)

Graduation requirements

As graduate students approach the end of their academic programs and the final semester of matriculation, they must make formal application to

graduate. No degrees will be conferred until the application to graduate has been finalized.

Graduate students and program directors should refer to the following graduation requirements as published in the Graduate Bulletin for a complete list of instructions and a graduation checklist.

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Degree:	Semester(s) of entry:	Deadline dates:	Test requirements:
Certificate	All	Rolling admissions	

In addition to the general admission requirements of the VCU Graduate School (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/study/admission-graduate-study/admission-requirements/>), the following requirements represent the minimum acceptable standards for admission:

- A graduate transcript

Degree requirements

Students will take two required courses and four elective courses for a total of 18 credit hours. Requirements are outlined below.

Curriculum requirements

Course	Title	Hours
Core courses		
ENGL 620	Intertextuality	3
ENGL 624	Texts and Contexts	3
Restricted electives		
Select courses from the following list.		12
ENGL 528	Children's Literature II	
ENGL 560	Studies in British Literature and Culture	
ENGL 570	Special Topics in American Literature and Culture	
ENGL 601	Young Adult Literature	
ENGL 605	Introduction to Scholarship in English Studies	
ENGL 606	Literary Criticism	
ENGL 611	Authors	
ENGL 614	Cultural Discourses	
ENGL 627	Genres	
ENGL 629	Form and Theory of Genre: ____	
ENGL 630	Form and Theory of Fiction	
ENGL 631	Form and Theory of Creative Nonfiction	
ENGL 632	Community Writing	
ENGL 661	Themes in Interdisciplinary Studies	
ENGL 666	Creative Writing: ____	
Total Hours		18

The minimum number of graduate credit hours required for this certificate is 18.

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