English Education, MA

As a current or aspiring secondary English language arts teacher, you are empowered to conduct classroom-based research, strengthen teaching practices and expand your professional knowledge base. You can achieve this through instruction and mentoring provided by dynamic faculty who specialize in teaching secondary writing, young adult literature, literacy and social justice.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MA English Education
The MA in English education is a one-year, intensive program designed to prepare practicing and transitioning teachers for careers as exemplary educators, teacher-researchers and leaders in English language arts instruction.

Students in the program develop a deep understanding of the English language arts by learning how to access, analyze and apply research and best practices for teaching secondary students (grades 7-12). This program balances the refining of disciplinary knowledge with pedagogical application of that knowledge in classrooms. Students take a variety of dynamic, cutting-edge methods courses, including advanced methods courses in research in English education, methods of teaching writing and text, teaching postcolonial young adult literature and teaching writing in an era of standardization.

This innovative course of study culminates with an inquiry project related to English language arts instruction in secondary classrooms. The program empowers students to employ teacher research and inquiry to address questions they have about their own students' learning and their own teaching practice.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe
Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

English (Secondary Education), BA

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

Degree Requirements

30 credit hours including the required applied project course (ENG 593)

Required Core (12 credit hours)
ENG 501 Approaches to Research (3)
ENG 506 Methods and Issues in Teaching Language (3)
ENG 507 Methods and Issues in Teaching Composition (3)
ENG 606 Advanced Studies in English Education (3)

Electives or Research (12 credit hours)

Other Requirements (3 credit hours)
ENG 594 Conference and Workshop (3)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
ENG 593 Applied Project (3)

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in English, creative writing, English education, secondary education or secondary curriculum and instruction, or a master's degree in education or a closely related field from a regionally accredited institution. Current certification in secondary English language arts (grades 6-12), or equivalent certification, or a minimum of two years teaching English language arts in a school setting is required.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00= "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00= "A") in an applicable master's degree program.
All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. statement of purpose
4. resume or curriculum vitae
5. three letters of recommendation
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency. Students should see the Department of English website for specific details about English proficiency requirements.

The one- to two-page statement of purpose should explain the applicant's background, reasons for wanting to do graduate work in English education, and goals. Three academic or professional letters of recommendation are required, and at least one must be from a faculty member familiar with the applicant's academic work.

Application Deadlines

Fall

Program Learning Outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Recognize various qualitative and quantitative research methods as appropriate and effective means for pursuing specific lines of classroom-based teacher inquiry and explain the pros and cons of a given methodological approach in terms of their classroom research.
- Locate, analyze, and synthesize qualitative or quantitative teacher research studies specific to important issues in their own English language arts classrooms or schools.
- Identify important educational issues they face in teaching English language arts, survey a variety of resources (i.e., research literature, expert opinion, and educational policy) and synthesize their learning into plans for best practice.
- Interrogate their own pedagogical practices (i.e., curriculum and instruction, differentiation, English language learners, cultural responsiveness, assessment, digital/new literacies) in the teaching of English language arts (reading, writing, speaking, listening, use of language, technology) and make appropriate adaptations to best meet all students' needs.

Career Opportunities
Careers for English education graduates include professions related to the field of secondary language arts and literacy education in secondary schools.

Career examples include:

- curriculum development
- dual enrollment teachers
- faculty positions at colleges and universities
- instructional leaders
- literacy coaches
- middle and high school English teachers
- teacher leadership and research

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