### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS

**COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

#### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

| Minimum Total Hours (Thesis) | 33 |
| Minimum Total Hours (Non-Thesis) | 33 |

#### REQUIRED COURSES

**The master’s degree requires the equivalent of at least two semesters of satisfactory graduate work and additional work as may be prescribed for the degree.** All coursework applied to the master’s degree must carry graduate credit. Master’s degree programs which require a thesis consist of at least 30 credit hours. All non-thesis master’s degree programs require at least 32 credit hours. Credit transferred from other institutions must meet specific criteria and is subject to certain limitations. Courses completed through correspondence study may not be applied to the master’s degree. To qualify for a graduate degree, students must achieve an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the degree program coursework and in all resident graduate coursework attempted. A student must also have at least a 3.0 in all coursework (including undergraduate coursework if any). A student who has done satisfactory graduate work and has earned a 3.0 grade point average may file for master’s candidacy.

**Reading proficiency in a foreign language (generally French, German, Latin, Italian, Greek or Spanish, or a Native American language) is required.**

**Required Courses (12 hours):**

- Courses must be taken at the 5000 or 6000 level.

  - **ENGL 5403, Issues in CRL**  
  - **ENGL 5113, Teaching College Composition and Literature**  
  - **ENGL 5313, Literary Criticism and Theory**

One course in History of Rhetoric or Composition Theory, as approved by Graduate Liaison & advisor:

**Core Courses (3-6 hours):**

- **Thesis Option Only:**
  - **ENGL 5980, Research for Master’s Thesis**  
  - **ENGL 5980, Research for Master’s Thesis**

- **Non-Thesis Option Only:**
  - Directed Reading required in conjunction with comprehensive exam.
  - **ENGL 5960, Directed Readings in Research**

**Electives (15-18 hours):**

- **Literary and Cultural Studies (6 hours)**
  - Two courses are required in Literary and Cultural Studies as approved by the Graduate Liaison and the student’s advisor (no Directed Readings).

- **Additional Electives (9-12 hours)**
  - Thesis students must take three courses different from the required courses and the main electives. Non-Thesis students must take four courses different from the required courses and the main electives. Thesis students may need additional elective hours to complete the 33 hours required for the degree if less than 6 hours of ENGL 5980 are completed.