

## **M.A. ENG Student Learning Outcomes**

1. Students will demonstrate an advanced level of expertise in literary history, literary theory, and rhetoric and writing.
2. Students will demonstrate advanced reading, critical, and analytical skills in the interpretation and evaluation of literary texts, as well as the ability to construct a sustained, sophisticated, and original argument on a specialized topic.
3. Students will demonstrate a command of scholarly writing, including the ability to organize and present material in a cogent fashion; formulate and defend original arguments; and employ effectively the language of their discipline.
4. Students will be able to participate actively in the theoretical discussions central to the field.
5. Students will demonstrate high-level proficiency in literary research and in the synthesis of research, which will culminate in the writing of a substantial and original master's thesis.