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Theory and Practice of Professional Communication

Undergraduate emphases: *BS, BA in English*—Literary Studies,
Professional and Technical Writing, English Teaching, and Creative
Writing

Graduate specializations: *MS, MA in English*—Literature and Writing,
Technical Writing; *MS, MA in American Studies*—Folklore, Public
Sector Folklore

Undergraduate Programs

General Objectives

The undergraduate programs in English and American Studies encourage students to gain an appreciation of language and literature through reading, analysis, and writing as a means of enriching their lives as individuals, citizens and professionals. Through a variety of courses in literature, writing, and linguistics, students develop an awareness of these subjects in their personal and cultural contexts, a heightened sensitivity to human experience, and a capacity to adapt to a world of continually changing values and centers of conflict. Students majoring in English or American Studies thus acquire communicative, analytical, and interpretive skills that help prepare them for a wide range of careers.

After completing a set of core requirements, students in English fulfill the requirements in one of four emphases: (1) the **Literary Studies** emphasis, which gives students a knowledge of the texts and writers of American, British, and world literature and their cultural contexts; (2) the **Professional and Technical Writing** emphasis, which prepares students for various writing careers in professional organizations; (3) the **English Teaching** emphasis, which prepares students for teaching secondary-level English in the public school system; and (4) the **Creative Writing** emphasis, which trains students in the art of literary writing and prepares them for graduate study in creative writing programs. The English Department also offers a major in American Studies.

The English Department offers a Folklore minor and an interdisciplinary American Studies major and minor. The American Studies Program, situated within the English Department, offers students the opportunity to explore American life and cultures from interdisciplinary perspectives, while preparing them for careers in academic or professional fields. Students may pursue *either* an American Studies major or minor *or* a folklore minor. The English Department also offers an English Teaching Minor, an English Minor (Standard Nonteaching), and a minor in British and Commonwealth Studies.

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The English Department also offers specific courses supporting other fields of specialization, courses fulfilling University Studies requirements, and enriching educational experiences through opportunities for creativity and expression enhancing lifetime activities.

Admission and Graduation Requirements

The requirements for admission and graduation are commensurate with those described on pages 30-35 and 76-79 of this catalog. To remain in good standing and to obtain approval for graduation as English majors or minors, students must earn a grade of C or better in all English classes and maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.75 in their major and minor courses. All courses listed as major or minor subject courses must be taken on an A-B-C-D-F basis, and major or minor subject courses passed with less than a C grade must be repeated. Transfer students are required to complete at least 15 semester credits of major subject courses and 10 semester credits of minor subject courses in residence at USU.

Students in the English Teaching major and minor may also apply to the Secondary Teacher Education Program (STEP). See pages 442-443 for procedures and requirements pertaining to teacher licensure and admission requirements, or go online to:
<http://www.cehs.usu.edu/>

Course Requirements

Core and Survey Requirements

Upon entering the major, all English majors must complete ENGL 1110 (English Orientation) *as soon as possible*. In addition, all English majors, *except* for students in the Professional and Technical Writing emphasis, are required to complete three of the 2000-level literature survey courses and ENGL 2600 (Literary Analysis) *as soon as possible before* enrolling in upper-division courses. Differing requirements for the Professional and Technical Writing Emphasis are shown below.

Literary Studies Emphasis

Minimum GPA for Admission: 2.75, major; 2.75, USU; 2.75, Career

Minimum GPA for Graduation: 2.75, major courses; 2.0, USU; 2.0, Career

Minimum Grade Accepted: C in major courses

This 43-credit emphasis is devoted to the study of literature. Its fundamental premise is that literature is a field of diverse representations that gives shape and meaning to human experience.

Students first complete three of the 2000-level survey courses, which provide a traditional overview of the major periods, authors, and genres of American and British literature. At the same time, students take an introductory course on literary analysis which introduces them to the methodologies of literary criticism.

At the 3000 and 4000 levels, students closely examine the conventions and principles forming the more traditional survey courses. Focusing on specific literary periods, authors, and genres, these courses invite students to think critically about how literature is constructed and organized as a field of knowledge. They also take a course focusing on literary theory.

At the 5000 level, students pursue advanced study of literature in relation to issues of gender and sexuality, regional and national boundaries, and cultural differences. These courses provide the advanced theoretical tools necessary to analyze the relationship between literature and culture. These courses insist that literary texts both exist within and depend upon a complex network of other cultural representations.

A. Core Requirements (4 credits)

ENGL 1110 English Orientation (F,Sp).....	1
ENGL 2600 ¹ Literary Analysis (F,Sp).....	3

B. Literary History (9 credits)

Select three courses from the following:

ENGL 2140 British Literary History: Anglo-Saxon to 18th Century (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL 2150 British Literary History: Romanticism to Present (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL 2160 American Literary History: Colonialism to 1865 (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL 2170 American Literary History: 1865 to Present (F,Sp).....	3

C. American, British, and World Literature (6 credits)

Select two of the following three period courses:

ENGL 3300 ² Period Studies in American Literature (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL 3310 ² Period Studies in British Literature (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL 3320 ² Period Studies in World Literature (F,Sp).....	3

D. Authors (6 credits)

Complete ENGL 4300 and one other course.

ENGL 4300 ² Shakespeare (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL 4310 ² American Writers (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL 4320 ² British Writers (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL 4330 ² World Writers (F).....	3

E. Genre (6 credits)

Select two courses from the following:

ENGL 4340 ² Studies in Prose (Sp).....	3
ENGL 4350 ² Studies in Poetry (F).....	3
ENGL 4360 ² Studies in Drama/Film (Sp).....	3
ENGL 4370 ² Studies in Nonfiction Prose (F).....	3

F. Literature and Culture (6 credits)

Select two courses from the following:

ENGL 5300 (CI) ² Literature and Gender (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL 5320 (CI) ² Literature and Cultural Difference (Sp).....	3
ENGL 5340 (CI) ² Studies in Literary and Cultural Theory (F).....	3

G. Electives (6 credits)

Select two additional courses from categories C, D, E, or F. One linguistics course (ENGL 4200 or 4210) may also count as an elective.

Note: The Period Studies; Authors; Genre; and Literature and Culture courses vary according to the specialty of the faculty member teaching the course.

Professional and Technical Writing Emphasis

Minimum GPA for Admission: 2.75, major; 2.75, USU; 2.75, Career
Minimum GPA for Graduation: 2.75, major courses; 2.0, USU;
 2.0, Career

Minimum Grade Accepted: C in major courses; B- in ENGL 1120, 3400, and 3410

This 48-credit emphasis prepares students for career opportunities in various writing-related careers in professional organizations. The emphasis consists of: (1) a theoretical foundation in rhetoric and linguistics, enabling students to assess any writing situation and adapt their writing to the context as audience-aware writers; and (2) writing practice in a variety of contexts using the most up-to-date tools of technology, so that students know how to write and why they are writing, thus preparing them for the ever-changing job markets of the twenty-first century.

Students begin their studies by completing one literature survey course and two introductory professional writing courses introducing students to the profession of writing and the current technologies used in all levels of text production. ENGL 3400 (Professional Writing) and ENGL 3410 (Professional Writing Technology), which are prerequisites for applications courses, must be passed with a grade of B- or better, in order for the student to continue in the program. At the same time, students also take two courses addressing rhetorical issues and strategies in the perception, reading, and writing of texts, and two courses in linguistics acquainting students with the structure and diversity of the English language.

In addition, all Professional and Technical Writing students must pass ENGL 1120 (Elements of Grammar) with a grade of B- or better, or pass the challenge exam offered by the Writing Center.

Students then take courses in professional editing, document design and graphics, interactive media, and publication production and management. Along with these, students may also take courses in creative writing, as well as those with more specific forms of writing, such as proposals, newsletters, and computer documentation. Internships provide students with an opportunity to learn through hands-on experiences in a variety of organizations. Students complete the program by taking a capstone course, in which they prepare portfolios, explore professional opportunities, and prepare to begin their careers.

A. Core Requirement (3 credits)

ENGL 1120⁴ Elements of Grammar (F,Sp).....3

B. Literary History (3 credits)

Select one course from the following:

ENGL 2140 British Literary History: Anglo-Saxon to 18th Century (F,Sp).....3

ENGL 2150 British Literary History: Romanticism to Present (F,Sp).....3

ENGL 2160 American Literary History: Colonialism to 1865 (F,Sp).....3

ENGL 2170 American Literary History: 1865 to Present (F,Sp).....3

C. Introductory Professional Writing Courses (6 credits)

ENGL 3400 (CI) Professional Writing (F,Sp).....3

ENGL 3410 Professional Writing Technology (F,Sp).....3

D. Theoretical Foundation Courses (6 credits)

ENGL 3450 Methods and Research in Professional and Technical Communication (Sp).....3

ENGL 3460 Modern Rhetorical Theory (F).....3

E. Linguistics Courses (6 credits)

Select two courses from the following:

ENGL 4200 Linguistic Structures (F,Sp,Su).....3

ENGL 4210 History of the English Language (Sp).....3

ENGL 4230 Language and Society (F).....3

ENGL 5210 Topics in Linguistics (F).....3

F. Applied and Creative Writing Courses (3 credits)

Complete 3 credits from the following:

ENGL 3040 Perspectives in Writing and Rhetoric (F).....3

ENGL 3420 Fiction Writing (F,Sp).....3

ENGL 3430 Poetry Writing (F,Sp).....3

ENGL 3440 Creative Nonfiction Writing (F,Sp).....3

ENGL/THEA 4250⁹ Playwriting (F).....3

ENGL 4420 (CI)² Advanced Fiction Writing (Sp).....3

ENGL 4430 (CI)² Advanced Poetry Writing (Sp).....3

ENGL 4900 Internship/Cooperative Work Experience (F,Sp,Su).....1-12

G. Major Courses (18 credits)

ENGL 4400 (CI)⁶ Professional Editing (F,Sp).....3

ENGL 4410^{2,6} Document Design and Graphics (F,Sp).....3

ENGL 5400^{2,5,6} Specialized Documents (F,Sp).....3

ENGL 5410^{2,6,8} Studies in Writing for Digital Media Production (F).....3

ENGL 5420⁶ Publications Production (Sp).....3

ENGL 5490^{2,7} Topics in Professional and Technical Writing (Sp).....3

H. Capstone Seminar (3 credits)

ENGL 5430 (CI)³ Professional Writing Capstone (Workplace Culture and Communication) (F,Sp).....3

English Teaching Emphasis

Minimum GPA for Admission: 2.75, major; 2.75, USU; 2.75, Career

Additional Minimum GPA for Matriculation to STEP Program:
 2.75, USU

Minimum GPA for Graduation: 2.75, major courses; 2.0, USU;
 2.75, Career (for certification)

Minimum Grade Accepted: C in major courses; C- in STEP courses

This 49-credit emphasis, leading to professional licensure in the teaching of secondary-level English, prepares prospective English teachers to participate actively in the many communities related to the profession. Students become well-versed in their academic subject matter (language, writing, literature, and multimedia); skilled in the methods of teaching the various components of the English curriculum and in classroom management techniques; and committed to the achievement of all students regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexuality, or socioeconomic standing.

Students first complete 9 credits of literature survey courses and 3 credits of literary theory to acquire a broad understanding of the traditional literary canon and the current theoretical foundations of English Studies. They must also take ENGL 1120 (Elements of Grammar), or pass the challenge exam offered by the Writing Center. They then take 12 credits in upper-division literature and then courses which address the current understandings of the diversity of American language and culture as they impact the English classroom. Students take courses in young adult literature, Shakespeare, and 15 more credits of upper-division literature and writing courses to become

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familiar with the spectrum of theoretical, ideological, and scholarly issues at stake in English studies today. To become familiar with the art of teaching the many components of the English curriculum, students take two pedagogical courses, which approach reading and writing as interdependent aspects of communication. If students wish to obtain professional licensure at graduation, they must also fulfill the requirements of the 35-credit Secondary Teacher Education Program (STEP) prescribed by the Secondary Education Program of the School of Teacher Education and Leadership (TEAL).

A. Core Requirements (4 credits)

ENGL 1110 English Orientation (F,Sp)	1
ENGL 2600 Literary Analysis (F,Sp)	3

B. Literary History (9 credits)

Select three courses from the following:

ENGL 2140 British Literary History: Anglo-Saxon to 18th Century (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 2150 British Literary History: Romanticism to Present (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 2160 American Literary History: Colonialism to 1865 (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 2170 American Literary History: 1865 to Present (F,Sp)	3

C. Linguistics (3 credits)

ENGL 4200 Linguistic Structures (F,Sp,Su)	3
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D. Upper-division Writing Courses (3 credits)

Select one course from the following:

ENGL 3080 (CI) Introduction to Technical Communication (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 3420 Fiction Writing (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 3430 Poetry Writing (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 3440 Creative Nonfiction Writing (F,Sp)	3

E. Upper-division Literature Courses (15 credits)

1. Required Course (3 credits)

ENGL 4300 Shakespeare (F,Sp)	3
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2. Select one course from each of the following groups:

a. Group 1 (3 credits)

ENGL 3300 Period Studies in American Literature (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 4310 American Writers (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 4610 Western American Literature (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 4630 American Nature Writers (F,Sp)	3

b. Group 2 (3 credits)

ENGL 3310 Period Studies in British Literature (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 4320 British Writers (F,Sp)	3

c. Group 3 (3 credits)

ENGL 3320 Period Studies in World Literature (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 4330 World Writers (F)	3
CLAS/ARTH 3210 Classical Mythology (Honors only) (F,Sp)	3

d. Group 4 (3 credits)

ENGL 4340 Studies in Prose (Sp)	3
ENGL 4350 Studies in Poetry (F)	3
ENGL 4360 Studies in Drama/Film (Sp)	3
ENGL 4370 Studies in Nonfiction Prose (F)	3
Folklore Courses: ENGL 3700 (Regional Folklore), 3710 (Folklore Colloquium), 4700 (Folk Material Culture), 4750 (Folklore Summer Workshop, Fife Conference), 5700 (Folk Narrative)	3

F. English Education Courses (15 credits)

ENGL 3510 Young Adult Literature (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 3520 Multicultural American Literature (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 4220 Ethnic Literacy (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 4500 (CI) Teaching Writing (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 4510 (CI) Teaching Literature (F,Sp)	3

Grammar Competency Requirement:

In addition to fulfilling the above requirements, students in the English teaching emphasis must fulfill a grammar competency requirement. This may be accomplished either by enrolling in ENGL 1120, Elements of Grammar (also offered through Independent Study or online), or by passing a challenge exam in the English Department Writing Center (Ray B. West 104) with a score of 80 percent or better. See the English undergraduate advisor for further information.

G. Teaching Minor

Students in the English Teaching emphasis are also required to complete a teaching minor selected from among the following: Chemistry, Geography, History, Mathematics, Modern Languages (French, German, Spanish), Physical Education Coaching, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, School Health, School Library Media, Sociology, Speech Communication, English as a Second Language, and Theatre Arts.

H. Secondary Teacher Education Program (STEP) (35 credits)

To receive a license to teach in the public school system, students in the English Teaching emphasis must also complete the 35-credit STEP administered through the Secondary Education Program of the School of TEAL. The student enrolls in this three-semester sequence of courses after having completed nearly all teaching major and minor requirements and after having been granted full admission to the program, which entails meeting various admission criteria. See the Secondary Education Program of the School of TEAL for further information regarding this program.

Creative Writing Emphasis

Minimum GPA for Admission: 2.75, major; 2.75, USU; 2.75, Career
Minimum GPA for Graduation: 2.75, major courses; 2.0, USU; 2.0, Career

Minimum Grade Accepted: C in major courses

This 46-credit emphasis is devoted to the art of literary writing: fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, and drama. Through practice in a chosen genre and a comprehensive study of literature, students learn the craft of literary writing as discovered and practiced over the last three thousand years of written human culture. The emphasis prepares undergraduates for graduate work in creative writing and develops critical, cognitive, and writing skills applicable in numerous professional fields.

Since creative writers must have a broad knowledge of literature, students first complete two of the 2000-level survey courses which provide an overview of major periods, authors, and genres in American and British literature. They also take an introductory course in literary theory which introduces methodologies of literary criticism.

At the 3000-level, students begin their work as creative writers, taking three introductory writing courses in three genres: fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction. To continue their immersion in the study of literature, students take one course in Period Studies.

At the 4000-level, students concentrate their training as creative writers, taking three courses in advanced creative writing, most of which can be repeated. Also at the 4000-level, students take a course focused on the study of a single author and a course in the study of one's chosen genre. Students also select three courses (for 9 credits) from courses outside their emphasis, ideally from outside the English Department, to further broaden their knowledge of human culture and the natural world.

A. Core Requirements (4 credits)

ENGL 1110 English Orientation (F,Sp)	1
ENGL 2600 Literary Analysis (F,Sp)	3

B. Literary History (6 credits)

Select two courses from the following:

ENGL 2140 British Literary History: Anglo-Saxon to 18th Century (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 2150 British Literary History: Romanticism to Present (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 2160 American Literary History: Colonialism to 1865 (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 2170 American Literary History: 1865 to Present (F,Sp)	3

C. Creative Writing Courses (18 credits)

Select all three of the following courses:

ENGL 3420 Fiction Writing (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 3430 Poetry Writing (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 3440 Creative Nonfiction Writing (F,Sp)	3

Select three of the following courses:

ENGL/THEA 4250 ⁹ Playwriting (F)	3
ENGL 4420 (CI) ² Advanced Fiction Writing (prereq. ENGL 3420) (Sp)	3
ENGL 4430 (CI) ² Advanced Poetry Writing (prereq. ENGL 3430) (Sp)	3
ENGL 4440 (CI) ² Advanced Nonfiction Writing (prereq. ENGL 3440) (Sp)	3

D. American, British, and World Literature (3 credits)

Select one of the following courses:

ENGL 3300 ² Period Studies in American Literature (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 3310 ² Period Studies in British Literature (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 3320 ² Period Studies in World Literature (F,Sp)	3

E. Authors (3 credits)

Select one of the following courses:

ENGL 4300 ² Shakespeare (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 4310 ² American Writers (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 4320 ² British Writers (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 4330 ² World Writers (F)	3

Note: The Writers courses vary according to the specialty of the faculty member teaching the course.

F. Genres (3 credits)

Select one of the following courses:

ENGL 4340 ² Studies in Prose (Sp)	3
ENGL 4350 ² Studies in Poetry (F)	3
ENGL 4360 ² Studies in Drama/Film (Sp)	3
ENGL 4370 ² Studies in Nonfiction Prose (F)	3

Note: The Genre courses vary according to the specialty of the faculty member teaching the course.

G. Electives (9 credits)

Students should select electives with the guidance and approval of the English undergraduate advisor.

Note: The Period Studies, Authors, and Genre courses vary according to the specialty of the faculty member teaching the course.

¹ENGL 2600 should be taken before registering for 3000 or above literature courses.

²These courses are repeatable for credit.

³This capstone course should be completed during the senior year.

⁴ENGL1120 is waived if students pass the grammar challenge exam. For further information, contact the undergraduate advisor.

⁵ENGL 5400 includes proposals, brochures, environmental impact statements, newsletters, computer documentation, etc. This course is repeatable for credit.

⁶Prerequisite: Admittance to program and completion of ENGL 3400 and 3410 with grades of B- or better.

⁷Prior to enrolling in ENGL 5490, students must have completed both ENGL 3400 and 3410 with grades of B- or better.

⁸ENGL 5410 includes multimedia, interactive and electronic texts, etc. This course is repeatable for credit.

⁹ENGL/THEA 4250 requires a prerequisite of THEA 1713.

American Studies Major and Minor

Many key issues tied to the roots, development, and expression of American culture transcend the boundaries of traditional subject areas and are best explored from a variety of perspectives or disciplines. The American Studies major and minor provide students with the opportunity to integrate studies in various fields into a broader understanding of American culture and its antecedents. Although housed in the Department of English, the American Studies Program permits students to choose relevant courses for their cognate areas from a variety of participating departments throughout the University.

For admission and graduation, students must have and maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.75. All courses used to fulfill either the major or minor requirements must be taken on an *A-B-C-D-F* basis, and major or minor courses passed with less than a *C* grade must be repeated. However, up to 3 credits of internship credit, which is recorded as *P/F*, may be used to partially fulfill the major requirements. Transfer students are required to take at least 15 credits of major subject courses and 10 credits of minor subject courses in residence at USU.

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Minimum GPA for Admission: 2.75, major; 2.75, USU; 2.75, Career

Minimum GPA for Graduation: 2.75, major courses; 2.0, USU; 2.0, Career

Minimum Grade Accepted: C in major courses

To obtain a degree in American Studies, students must complete a total of 51 credits, including 9 credits of core requirements that introduce foundations of American literature, region, and culture; 6 credits chosen from the 3000 or 4000 level that expose students to the diversity of American culture; and 12 credits of upper-division work (3000 or 4000 level) that allow students to approach American literature, history, and culture through various genres and historical periods.

In addition to completing the required English and history classes, students must complete 21 credits from two of the following seven cognate areas: creative writing, folklore, literature, history, nature and environment, political science, and sociology and anthropology. Students will be required to meet with either the director or the undergraduate advisor (contact HASS Advising, Taggart Student Center 302) to determine appropriate courses for the cognate areas.

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The final course, a senior capstone, encourages graduating students to reflect on their overall coursework, synthesizing the perspectives they have gained about American culture in an extended research project reflecting their interdisciplinary academic experience.

Course Requirements

A. Core Requirements (9 credits)

Choose *three* of the following courses:

ENGL 2160 American Literary History: Colonialism to 1865 (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL 2170 American Literary History: 1865 to Present (F,Sp).....	3
HIST 2700 (BAI) United States to 1877 (F,Sp,Su).....	3
HIST 2710 (BAI) United States 1877-Present (F,Sp,Su).....	3

B. Choose two of the following courses (6 credits)

One selection must be from the ENGL course listings, and one selection must be from the HIST course listings.

ENGL 2630 (BHU) Survey of American Culture (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL 3070 (DHA) Perspectives in Folklore (F,Su).....	3
ENGL 3300 Period Studies in American Literature (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL 3520 Multicultural American Literature (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL 3620 Native American Studies (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL 4610 Western American Literature (F,Sp).....	3
HIST 3670 Slavery in the Atlantic World.....	3
HIST 4550 (DHA/CI) Women and Gender in America (F).....	3
HIST 4600 (DHA/CI) The History of the American West.....	3
HIST 4630 The History of Mexican Americans.....	3
HIST 4710 American Indian History (F).....	3
HIST 4720 (DHA/CI) The Civil Rights Movement (F,Sp).....	3
HIST 4730 (CI) History of Black America (Sp).....	3

C. Choose four of the following courses (12 credits)

At least one selection must be from the ENGL course listings, and at least one selection must be from the HIST course listings.

ENGL 4310 American Writers (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL 4340 Studies in Prose (Sp).....	3
ENGL 4350 Studies in Poetry (F).....	3
ENGL 4360 Studies in Drama/Film (Sp).....	3
ENGL 4370 Studies in Nonfiction Prose (F).....	3
ENGL/HIST 4620 (CI) Advanced Seminar in American Studies (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL 4630 American Nature Writers (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL/HIST 4640 (CI) Studies in the American West (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL 4900 Internship/Cooperative Work Experience (F,Sp,Su).....	1-3
HIST 3720 Colonial America (F).....	3
HIST 3730 The New American Nation (Sp).....	3
HIST 3740 United States in the Age of Jefferson and Jackson (F).....	3
HIST 3750 Civil War and Reconstruction (Sp).....	3
HIST 3760 (DHA/CI) The United States 1900-1945 (Sp).....	3
HIST 3770 Contemporary America, 1945-Present (F).....	3
HIST 3840 Twentieth Century American West (Sp).....	3
HIST 3850 (DHA/CI) History of Utah (Sp).....	3
HIST 3950 (DHA/CI) Environmental History.....	3
HIST 4400 (DHA) History of Aviation and Aeronautics.....	3
HIST/ENGL 4640 (CI) Studies in the American West (F,Sp).....	3
HIST 4790 American Religious History.....	3
HIST 4810 American Military History.....	3

D. Cognate Areas (further information shown below) (21 credits)

Select two cognate areas and choose 9 credits from one and 12 credits from the other (21 credits total). Possible cognate course options are listed below.

1. Creative Writing
2. Folklore
3. History
4. American Literature
5. Nature and Environment
6. Political Science
7. Sociology and Anthropology

E. Capstone Course (3 credits)

ENGL/HIST 5690 (CI) American Studies Capstone Seminar (Sp).....	3
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Cognate Course Options

Students are required to select **two** cognate areas and choose 9 credits from one and 12 credits from the other (21 credits total). Cognate courses *cannot* be used to fill University Studies requirements. **A maximum of 3 credits can be completed in lower-division courses.** The following are partial lists of appropriate courses. The Director of American Studies or the American Studies Advisor (contact HASS Advising, Taggart Student Center 302) must approve substitutions.

1. Creative Writing

Select *three* or *four* courses from the following:

ENGL 3420 Fiction Writing (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL 3430 Poetry Writing (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL 3440 Creative Nonfiction Writing (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL 4420 (CI) Advanced Fiction Writing (Sp).....	3
ENGL 4430 (CI) Advanced Poetry Writing (Sp).....	3
ENGL 4440 (CI) Advanced Nonfiction Writing (F,Sp).....	3

2. Folklore

Select *three* or *four* courses from the following:

ENGL/HIST/ANTH 2210 (BHU) Introduction to Folklore (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL/HIST/ANTH 2720 Survey of American Folklore (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL/HIST 3070 Perspectives in Folklore (F,Su).....	3
ENGL/HIST 3700 (CI) Regional Folklore (F,Sp).....	3
ENGL/HIST/RELS 3710 (CI) Folklore Colloquium (Sp).....	3
ENGL/HIST 4700 Folk Material Culture (Sp).....	3
ENGL/HIST 4750 Advanced Folklore Workshop: Fife Conference (Su).....	3
ENGL/HIST/ANTH 5700 Folk Narrative (Sp).....	3

3. History

Select *three* or *four* courses from the following. Courses may *not* be "double-counted" to satisfy requirements in sections A, B, or C.

HIST/ENGL 1600 American Cultures in Film (F,Sp).....	3
HIST 2700 (BAI) United States to 1877 (F,Sp,Su).....	3
HIST 2710 (BAI) United States 1877-Present (F,Sp,Su).....	3
HIST 3720 Colonial America (F).....	3
HIST 3730 The New American Nation (Sp).....	3
HIST 3740 United States in the Age of Jefferson and Jackson (F).....	3
HIST 3750 Civil War and Reconstruction (Sp).....	3
HIST 3760 (CI) The United States, 1900-1945 (Sp).....	3
HIST 3850 (CI) History of Utah (Sp).....	3
HIST/WGS 4550 (CI) Women and Gender in America (F).....	3
HIST 4600 (CI) The History of the American West.....	3
HIST/ENGL 4640 (CI) Studies in the American West (F,Sp).....	3
HIST 4710 American Indian History (F).....	3
HIST 4730 (CI) History of Black America (Sp).....	3
HIST 4790 American Religious History.....	3
HIST 4810 American Military History.....	3

4. American Literature

Select *three* or *four* courses from the following. Courses may *not* be "double-counted" to satisfy requirements in sections A, B, or C.

ENGL 3300 Period Studies in American Literature (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 3520 Multicultural American Literature (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 3620 Native American Studies (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 4310 American Writers (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 4340 Studies in Prose (Sp)	3
ENGL 4350 Studies in Poetry (F)	3
ENGL 4360 Studies in Drama/Film (Sp)	3
ENGL 4370 Studies in Nonfiction Prose (F)	3
ENGL 4610 Western American Literature (F,Sp)	3
ENGL/HIST 4620 (CI) Advanced Seminar in American Studies (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 4630 American Nature Writers (F,Sp)	3
ENGL/HIST 4640 (CI) Studies in the American West (F,Sp)	3

5. Nature and Environment

Select *three* or *four* courses from the following:

ENGL 4630 American Nature Writers (F,Sp)	3
ENVS 2340 (BSS) Natural Resources and Society (F,Sp)	3
ENVS 5110 Environmental Education (Sp)	3
HIST 3950 (CI) Environmental History	3
NR 1010 (BSS) Humans and the Changing Global Environment	3
NR 2220 General Ecology (F,Sp)	3
PHIL 3510 Environmental Ethics (Sp)	3
POLS 4820 (DSS) Natural Resources and Environmental Policy (Sp)	3
SOC 3600 Sociology of Urban Places (F)	3
SOC 3610 (DSS) Rural Sociology (F)	3
SOC 4620 (DSS) Sociology of the Environment and Natural Resources (Sp)	3
SPCH 5250 Environmental Rhetoric (Sp)	3
WILD 2200 (BLS) Ecology of Our Changing World (F,Sp)	3

6. Political Science

Select *three* or *four* courses from the following:

POLS 1100 (BAI) United States Government and Politics (F,Sp)	3
POLS 2200 (BSS) Comparative Politics (F,Sp)	3
POLS 3140 (DSS) The Presidency (F)	3
POLS/ECN 3170 Law and Economics (Sp)	3
POLS 3310 (DSS) American Political Thought (F)	3
POLS 3320 The Foundations of American Constitutionalism	3
POLS 3400 (DSS) United States Foreign Policy (F,Sp)	3
POLS 4130 Constitutional Theory (Sp)	3
POLS 4140 Political Organizations	3

7. Sociology and Anthropology

Select *three* or *four* courses from the following:

ANTH 1010 (BSS) Cultural Anthropology (F,Sp)	3
ANTH 3110 North American Indian Cultures (F)	3
ANTH 3130 (CI) Peoples of Latin America	3
ANTH 3200 (DSS/CI) Perspectives on Race (Sp)	3
ANTH 3300 (DSS) Archaeology in North America (F,Sp)	3
ANTH 4110 (DSS) Southwest Indian Cultures, Past and Present (F)	3
ANTH 5800 Museum Development (F,Sp,Su)	1-3
SOC 1010 (BSS) Introductory Sociology (F,Sp)	3
SOC 3010 Social Inequality (F,Sp)	3
SOC 4370 Sociology of Gender (F)	3

American Studies Minor (21 credits)

American Studies minors must meet and maintain a 2.75 GPA admissions and graduation standard. Students are required to complete the following: (1) one introductory ENGL course (ENGL

2160, American Literary History: Colonialism to 1865; or ENGL 2170, American Literary History: 1865 to Present); (2) one introductory HIST course (HIST 2700, United States to 1877; or HIST 2710, United States 1877-Present); and (3) one 3000- or 4000-level ENGL or HIST course (listed on page 264 in sections B and C). In addition, students must also complete 12 credits of upper-division coursework drawn from two cognate areas (listed on page 264 in section D). These courses of study must be approved by the Director of American Studies or by the American Studies advisor (contact HASS Advising, Taggart Student Center 302) at least one year in advance of graduation. Courses used to fulfill requirements for the English and History majors may *not* be used for the American Studies minor.

Folklore Minor (18 credits)

The 18-credit minor in folklore is an interdisciplinary program sponsored by the English Department and the History Department. The Director of the Folklore Program or the Folklore Advisor (contact HASS Advising, Taggart Student Center 302) must approve the coursework at least one year prior to graduation. Folklore minor students must maintain a 2.75 GPA admissions and graduation standard.

A. Required Courses (6 credits)

ENGL/HIST/ANTH 2210 (BHU) Introduction to Folklore (F,Sp)	3
ENGL/HIST/ANTH 5700 Folk Narrative (Sp)	3

B. Survey of Folklore in Culture and Place (3 credits)

Select *one* of the following courses:

ENGL/HIST/ANTH 2720 Survey of American Folklore (F,Sp)	3
ENGL/HIST 3700 (CI) Regional Folklore (F,Sp)	3

C. Folklore Genres (3 credits)

Select *one* of the following courses:

ENGL/HIST 3070 (DHA) Perspectives in Folklore (F,Su)	3
ENGL/HIST 4700 Folk Material Culture (Sp)	3

D. Focused Approaches to the Study of Folklore (3 credits)

Select *one* of the following courses:

ENGL/HIST/RELS 3710 (CI) Folklore Colloquium (Sp)	3
ENGL/HIST 4750 Advanced Folklore Workshop: Fife Conference (Su)	3

E. Electives (3 credits)

Select *one* of the following courses:

ANTH 1010 (BSS) Cultural Anthropology (F,Sp)	3
ANTH 2010 (BSS) Peoples of the Contemporary World (Sp)	3
ANTH 3110 North American Indian Cultures (F)	3
ANTH 3130 (CI) Peoples of Latin America	3
ANTH 3160 (DSS) Anthropology of Religion (F)	3
ANTH 4110 (DSS) Southwest Indian Cultures, Past and Present (F)	3
ANTH 4120 (CI/DSS) Anthropology of Childhood (Sp)	3
ANTH 4230 (DSS) Medical Anthropology: Matter, Culture, Spirit, and Health (Sp)	3
ANTH 5190 Applied Anthropology Practicum	3
ENGL/HIST 1600 American Cultures in Film (F)	3
ENGL/HIST 3070 (DHA) Perspectives in Folklore (F,Su)	3
ENGL 3520 Multicultural American Literature (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 3620 Native American Studies (F,Sp)	3
ENGL/HIST/RELS 3710 (CI) Folklore Colloquium (Sp)	3
ENGL/HIST 4750 Advanced Folklore Workshop: Fife Conference (Su)	3
HIST 4850 Interpreting the Past for Teachers (F,Sp)	3

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English Teaching Minor (27 credits)

English Teaching minor students must meet and maintain a 2.75 GPA for admission and graduation. This minor is available *only* to students completing a teaching major. Students may not use the *P/D/F* option, and grades *C* and below must be repeated. Students must complete the following courses:

ENGL 2140 British Literary History: Anglo-Saxon to 18th Century (F,Sp) (3 cr) or	
ENGL 2150 British Literary History: Romanticism to Present (F,Sp) (3 cr)	3
ENGL 2160 American Literary History: Colonialism to 1865 (F,Sp) (3 cr) or	
ENGL 2170 American Literary History: 1865 to Present (F,Sp) (3 cr)	3
ENGL 3510 Young Adult Literature (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 3520 Multicultural American Literature (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 4200 Linguistic Structures (F,Sp,Su)	3
ENGL 4220 Ethnic Literacy (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 4300 Shakespeare (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 4500 (CI) Teaching Writing (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 4510 (CI) Teaching Literature (F,Sp)	3

Grammar Competency Requirement:

In addition to fulfilling the above requirements, students in the English teaching minor must fulfill a grammar competency requirement. They may meet this requirement by *either* enrolling in ENGL 1120, Elements of Grammar (also offered through Independent Study), *or* by passing a challenge exam in the English Department Writing Center (Ray B. West 104) with a score of 80 percent or better. For further information, contact the English undergraduate advisor (HASS Advising, Taggart Student Center 302).

English Minor (Standard Nonteaching) (18 credits)

The standard nonteaching minor consists of 18 credits of various courses, 12 of which must be in upper-division coursework. Ten of the 18 credits must be earned in residence at USU. Advanced Placement credit, CLEP credit, and credit from ENGL 1010 and 2010 may **not** be counted toward this minor. The program must be approved by the Academic Advisor for the English Department at least one year prior to graduation.

British and Commonwealth Studies Minor (18 credits)

The minor in British and Commonwealth Studies, sponsored jointly by the English and History departments, allows undergraduates to experience interdisciplinary study and broaden their international perspectives. Students engage in interdisciplinary study by doing extended work outside their home departments, while at the same time integrating their study around a single area. They enhance their international experience by deepening their knowledge of the British Isles and of the British Empire's contact with world cultures in the Commonwealth and other postcolonial nations. This minor requires a minimum of 18 credits. Up to three of these courses (9 credits) from the list in *Section A* below may also be used to fulfill requirements for the English or History majors. The program selected must be approved by the coordinator of the British and Commonwealth Studies Minor *at least one year prior to graduation*. Alternatives to this program are possible, but any alternative must be approved by the coordinator.

A. Select five courses relevant to British and Commonwealth Studies (15 credits)

Each semester, applicable courses will be listed on the program's website (click on link at <http://english.usu.edu/>). Several courses which may fulfill the requirements are listed below. Other courses may also be applicable, depending on the topic. At least one course must be chosen from the English Department offerings, and at least one course must be chosen from the History Department. Furthermore, at least one course must focus on some aspect of the Commonwealth (each of these courses is designated by an asterisk on the website). Students engaged in a formal program of study in Britain or any Commonwealth country may apply this experience toward the British and Commonwealth Studies minor, at the program coordinator's discretion.

ENGL 2140 British Literary History: Anglo-Saxon to 18th Century (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 2150 British Literary History: Romanticism to Present (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 3060 (DHA) British and Commonwealth Cultures	3
ENGL 3310 Period Studies in British Literature (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 3320 Period Studies in World Literature (F,Sp)	3
ENGL/HIST 3700 (CI) Regional Folklore (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 4300 Shakespeare (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 4320 British Writers (F,Sp)	3
ENGL 4330 World Writers (F)	3
HIST 3240 Modern Europe from 1789 to the Present	3
HIST 3510 Africa and the World	3
HIST 3720 Colonial America (F)	3
HIST/ARTH 4210 Celtic Europe (F)	3
HIST 4250 The Reformation in Britain: 1450-1688	3
HIST 4390 British Imperialism from 1688 to the Present	3

B. Complete one of the following two courses (3 credits)

These courses will culminate in the student producing a research paper of approximately 20 pages, which should be on some topic relevant to Britain and/or the Commonwealth.

ENGL 5920 Directed Study (F,Sp,Su)	3
HIST 4930 Directed Readings	3

For further information about the British and Commonwealth Studies Minor, contact the program coordinator (Shane Graham, Ray B. West 301B, (435) 797-2719, sgraham@english.usu.edu).

Sample Four-year Plans

Sample semester-by-semester four-year plans for students working toward a bachelor's degree within the English Department can be found at:

<http://www.usu.edu/degreeplans/>

Students should consult with their advisor to develop a plan of study tailored to their individual needs and interests.

Program Assessment

For information about how the English Department assesses its programs, click on the **Assessment** link on the departmental home page at: <http://english.usu.edu/>

Departmental Honors

Students who would like to experience greater academic depth within their major are encouraged to enroll in departmental honors. Through original, independent work, Honors students enjoy the benefits of close supervision and mentoring, as they work one-on-one with faculty in select upper-division departmental courses. Honors students also complete a senior project, which provides another opportunity to collaborate with faculty on a problem that is significant, both personally and in the student's discipline. Participating in departmental honors enhances students' chances for obtaining fellowships and admission to graduate school.

Students are eligible for admission to the English departmental honors program if they: (1) are majoring in English or in American Studies, (2) have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.3, and (3) have a GPA in English courses (excluding ENGL 1010 and 2010) of at least 3.5. In order to earn a departmental honors degree, students must maintain these GPA levels, take 15 credits of approved upper-division English coursework for Honors credit, and complete and orally defend a Senior Honors Thesis. Typically, students take four 3-credit courses with honors contracts and one 3-credit independent study course (ENGL 5910, Senior Honors Thesis) in order to complete the 15 required credits for the program. For more information, follow the Honors Program link at: <http://english.usu.edu/>

Additional Information and Updates

English programs are constantly being updated. Students should therefore confer with the English advisor (contact HASS Advising, Taggart Student Center 302). Current requirement sheets are available online at: <http://www.usu.edu/majorsheets/>

Financial Support and Scholarships

Scholarships, assistantships, grants-in-aid, and work-study programs are available through the University. In addition, the English Department employs a few students as tutors in The Writing Center and oversees various cooperative education and internship opportunities for students. Departmental scholarships are available on a competitive basis to juniors and seniors, as well as to some sophomores. Applications are accepted in January and February and are available in the college dean's office, Main 338. For further information, click on the scholarships link at: <http://english.usu.edu>

Graduate Programs

PhD in Theory and Practice of Professional Communication

The Theory and Practice of Professional Communication (TPPC) program is designed to meet the interests and needs of students who aspire to conduct advanced study of and research into the communicative practices of organizations and the professions. The program offers the opportunity to study professional communication, technology, and culture in a department with a long history of expertise and achievement in writing and technology. The defining features of this program include opportunities to study and work with advanced communication technologies, to engage in extended fieldwork research experiences, and to pursue a program of study that can largely be tailored to work with different research interests within the field of professional communication. The program prepares students to become academic instructors/researchers in English departments

or to move into administrative or research positions in nonacademic workplaces.

The TPPC program has a website providing details about the application process, financial assistance, and graduation requirements. This website may be accessed at: <http://tppc.usu.edu/>

Research

PhD students have opportunities to participate in unique research activities available at facilities associated with the Department of English, such as computer classrooms and labs directed by faculty members. These research activities complement faculty expertise and curriculum strengths in the department, including workplace-focused graduate research, theory and practice of online education, and training in writing and professional communication.

The TPPC program makes extensive use of Web-based communications systems. The English Department at Utah State has a national reputation for its achievements in online education and continues to develop innovative ways to deliver state-of-the-art, Web-based instruction to students in Utah, across the U.S., and around the world. Depending on their research and teaching interests, TPPC students may be actively involved in these efforts.

Coursework

As part of the work on their degree, students in the program complete a minimum of 60 approved semester credits beyond their master's degree. The required courses include ENGL 7000 (Advanced Research Methods in Professional Communication), ENGL 7410 (Theory and Research in Professional Communication), ENGL 7900 (Research Internship), and ENGL 7970 (Dissertation Research). Additional coursework is completed through a rotating series of seminars focused on the ongoing research projects and interests of faculty. In addition, to support the breadth of perspective required to understand professional communication as it operates in society at large, students are required to take at least 6 credits (and a maximum of 18 credits) of graduate-level coursework outside of the Department of English. Students are encouraged to select courses that will help them develop expertise in an area (either disciplinary or interdisciplinary) that will complement their research and/or pedagogical goals.

Admission Procedure

Applicants for admission to the program must have a master's degree in a subject area that complements their professional reason(s) for earning a PhD in Theory and Practice of Professional Communication. They must also have earned scores *no lower than the 40th percentile* in the Verbal section and in *either* the Quantitative *or* the Analytical section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test.

Applicants to the program should send materials to two offices at Utah State University, as described below.

To the **School of Graduate Studies**, applicants should send four items:

1. A completed application form, along with the application fee.
2. Two copies of all official undergraduate and graduate transcripts, showing GPA. The minimum requirement is 3.00 on a 4.00 scale for the last 60 credits of undergraduate courses taken and for all graduate credits taken.

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3. Three letters of recommendation (at least two of which must be from former professors if the applicant has been enrolled in school during the last five years).
4. GRE scores no older than five years.

To the **Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of English**, applicants should send four items:

1. A letter of intent providing background information about the applicant's training, interests, and experiences, as well as an overview of the applicant's career goals and specific reasons why graduate training in professional communication is important to the applicant.
2. A completed *Graduate Instructorship Application for PhD Students* form (indicating whether or not the applicant wishes to be considered for a graduate instructorship).
3. A current vita.
4. Two writing samples (a total of 20-40 pages). The samples may include academic or nonacademic writing, but should demonstrate *both* the applicant's critical *and* research skills. Each sample must be accompanied by a 1-page introductory preface. For additional details, including current application deadline, see the TPPC website at: <http://tppc.usu.edu/>

Financial Assistance

Both departmental support and formal research grant support are available to graduate students on a competitive basis. Highly qualified graduate students may also be nominated to compete for University fellowships. Students who wish to be considered for financial aid must meet the application deadlines described above.

Graduate instructorships are available through the Department of English. The assignment will be 50 percent time—approximately 20 hours of work per week. The normal teaching load is two sections of writing classes (e.g., composition or introduction to technical communication) for fall and spring semesters.

In addition, students are normally responsible for paying resident (instate) tuition and fees if they are residents of Utah, and *both* resident and nonresident (out-of-state) tuition and fees if they are *not* Utah residents. However, PhD students who are employed as graduate instructors (or who are recipients of certain fellowships) are eligible for tuition waivers. If they are Utah residents, their resident tuition costs will be waived. If they are *not* Utah residents, *both* the resident and nonresident tuition costs will be waived. Recipients of these tuition waivers will *still* be responsible for paying fees each semester.

Master's Degree Programs

The Department of English offers courses of study leading to the MS and MA degrees in English and in American Studies. Applicants seeking the English degree may be admitted into the Literature and Writing specialization or the Technical Writing specialization. Applicants seeking the interdisciplinary American Studies degree may draw from a combination of courses dealing with American culture: literature, history, art, government, etc. Folklore is one of the specializations in American Studies, with courses in all aspects of folklore study, including public sector folklore.

For a more complete description of the Department of English graduate programs, see the department's website: <http://english.usu.edu/>

Admission Requirements

In addition to the requirements specified on pages 36-37 (Admission Procedures), applicants for admission to the English Department master's degree programs should have a BS or BA degree with an undergraduate major in a subject area relevant to the master's program they desire to enter. The English Department accepts the Miller Analogies Test in place of the GRE general test, but encourages applicants to take the GRE. The department also requires a 5-10 page writing sample appropriate to the program the applicant desires to enter. The Technical Writing specialization has additional requirements; see the following website: <http://techcomm.usu.edu/grad/>

International applicants from non-English-speaking countries who desire an MS or MA degree in English should have a BS or BA degree in English from an accredited, English-speaking university. Students whose command of written English is not adequate to the demands of writing a graduate thesis in English may be required to take courses in Intensive English or may be counseled to obtain a second bachelor's degree at USU (30 credits minimum).

The annual application deadline is **January 15** for those who wish to be considered for a graduate instructor position. The final annual deadline is **April 20** for all other applicants who wish to begin their course of study fall semester.

Anyone who has not been accepted into a graduate program in the English Department must have permission from the department's Director of Graduate Studies to enroll in English graduate courses.

MA/MS in English Requirements

Applicants will be admitted to the English degree for one of two specializations: Literature and Writing (30-33 credits) or Technical Writing (33 credits).

Literature and Writing

The graduate specialization in Literature and Writing offers an MA or MS in English to students who wish to do advanced work in the fields of literary criticism, composition, rhetoric, and creative writing. The aim is to professionalize students, helping them to become scholars and teachers of English. While any student having a strong undergraduate education in English, along with a desire to pursue that education further, is welcome to pursue the Literature and Writing specialization, the specialization does cater most directly to future PhD students in English, future two-year college instructors, and secondary educators. Under the guidance of a faculty committee, students are encouraged to write a thesis as the culmination of their studies. With approval, this thesis may consist of a creative writing work with a critical reflective essay. Students not wishing to write a thesis may complete the Plan C option by taking 33 credits of coursework.

In both seminars and independent study with faculty, Literature and Writing students consider literary and nonliterary texts, learning not only how to interpret such texts, but also how to produce them. The course of study thus includes both theory and practice: students take part in the reading and the writing of literature, criticism, essays, and arguments. The curriculum is divided into three groups of courses: (1) Literature, (2) Writing, and (3) Teaching Literature and Writing. Students who are particularly interested in one of these three areas may take as many courses in that group as are available. However, they should *not* expect to be able to take *all* their courses from any

one group; rather, they are encouraged to take courses from *all three* groups before they graduate.

Although most of their courses will be completed within the Literature and Writing curriculum, students may also pursue their interests by taking some courses in the department's other master's programs (American Studies, Folklore, and Technical Writing), as well as doctoral courses in the Theory and Practice of Professional Communication PhD program. Permission of the Director of Graduate Studies in English is required. Coursework may include some online courses; however, Literature and Writing is an on-campus specialization and *may not* be completed by taking *only* online classes.

Technical Writing (online)

The graduate specialization in Technical Writing is designed for students who already have some training and/or experience as practitioners of technical writing. It is taught entirely online, via the Internet, and aims to prepare students to enter or reenter nonacademic workplaces, not just as practitioners, but also as developers and managers of technical documents. When they graduate, students will be qualified to determine and defend writing policy and practices in their workplaces.

To prepare students for these leadership roles, the Technical Writing specialization provides them with a strong theoretical understanding of their profession. In their online graduate seminars, students will read widely in research and theory relating to workplace writing practices. They will critically examine both the theories and the practices, and they will explore ways in which each can enhance the other. They will also learn how to manage teams of writers, and they will explore ethical issues in the profession. The specialization balances the theoretical training with opportunities for students to improve their own practical skills as technical writers, learning how to apply theory and current technology to the production of a variety of technical documents. This practical training will include multimedia presentations and graphic design.

The Technical Writing specialization is designed primarily for nontraditional students—working professional writers who want to enhance their credentials and build a strong theoretical understanding of their profession. However, it may also accept some traditional students who have just finished their undergraduate studies, provided they have some practical experience.

Students in Technical Writing must complete 33 credits under the Plan C option. Courses may be taken in any sequence. Students in this specialization pursue the MS degree.

MA/MS in American Studies Requirements

Those applicants who have been admitted to the American Studies degree program will work out a program of study with either the American Studies Director or the Folklore Director. Generally, students develop their programs with a focus in American literature, folklore, or history. Interdisciplinary connections with many other departments at USU are possible. Students may choose the American Studies Standard specialization, with or without an emphasis in creative nonfiction writing on the cultures and landscapes of the American West; or the Folklore specialization, with or without an emphasis in public sector folklore. The American Studies degree requires 30 credits, with a preference for the MA and the Plan A (thesis) options, although the MS and the Plan B options are also accepted.

Students in the American Studies Standard specialization must take ENGL/HIST 6600 (American Studies Theory and Method) early in their course of study. Students must also take *at least one course* in a department *other than English*. Students selecting the Creative Nonfiction emphasis will follow the same requirements as the students in the American Studies Standard specialization, with the following exception: all students in the Creative Nonfiction emphasis are required to take two courses in which a major part of their coursework focuses on some form of creative nonfiction. If approved, it is possible for one course in *either* fiction *or* poetry writing to be applied toward this emphasis.

Students in the Folklore specialization must take ENGL/HIST 6700 (Folklore Theory and Method) early in their course of study. Students selecting the Public Sector Folklore emphasis will follow the same requirements as the students in the Folklore specialization, with the following exception: all students in the Public Sector Folklore emphasis are required to take ENGL/HIST 6720 (Folklore Fieldwork), ENGL/HIST 6730 (Public Folklore), and ENGL 6900 (Graduate Internship).

Of special interest to students in American Studies are the *Western Historical Quarterly* and the *Western American Literature* journals published at USU, which often provide editorial and clerical positions for graduate students. Also, The Mountain West Center for Regional Studies sponsors lectures and programs and provides research assistance for students working in the field of regional studies. The Merrill-Cazier Library is a regional depository for federal publications and receives 60,000 to 70,000 government titles each year. The library's Special Collections division contains thousands of historical photographs, an immense store of pioneer diaries and papers, and a strong collection of books and manuscripts relating to the West, the pioneers, the Mormons, cowboys, and cowboy poetry. The Fife Folklore Archives, one of the best folklore archives in the country, contains over 3,400 books on folklore and folklore-related topics. The Special Collections division also serves as the national depository for the American Folklore Society's Papers, more than 50 linear feet of records and documents accumulated during the 114-year history of the organization.

General Requirements

All candidates for the MS and MA degrees must meet the School of Graduate Studies requirements (see pages 116-119 of this catalog). Only grades of *B-* or better will be accepted for credits in support of the degree programs, and students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 to remain in the program.

All candidates must complete a comprehensive examination covering the material of their graduate program; however, the nature of this examination varies according to the particular specialization and the advice of the candidate's supervisory committee.

All candidates are required to defend their Plan A thesis or Plan B papers. After successfully defending their Plan A thesis, students must submit a department-approved final draft to the School of Graduate Studies assistant dean (Main 164). After successfully defending their Plan B papers, students must submit a department-approved copy to University Library Special Collections.

All candidates who are first-year graduate instructors are required to take ENGL 6820 (Practicum in Teaching English) during their first semester. The candidate's supervisory committee will determine whether ENGL 6820 will be accepted as part of the candidate's graduate program.

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Financial Assistance

The Department of English has a limited number of graduate instructor positions and Moyle Q. Rice Scholarships available on a competitive basis for both English and American Studies graduate students. Additional financial aid is available through the journal of *Western American Literature*. All applicants who wish to be considered for a graduate instructorship should contact the Director of Graduate Studies in the English Department. The application deadline for instructorships is January 15.

English Faculty

Professors

Melody Graulich, American Literature, American Studies, Western American literature, feminist studies; editor, *Western American Literature*

Patricia Gantt, teacher education, young adult literature, American studies, women and gender studies, southern literature

Joyce A. Kinkead, composition and rhetoric
(Associate Vice President, Research Office)

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Jeffrey Smitten, eighteenth century British literature, Scottish literature, literary theory and criticism

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