The Master of Arts in English is designed for students who wish to enlarge their knowledge of English and U.S. literature, to improve their critical skills in literature and in writing, and/or to improve their skills as high school teachers of English. This program is of interest to those who wish to resume their education and deepen their knowledge of English.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Arts in English requires 34 credits to complete the degree with a concentration in Literature or Rhetoric. Students will complete seven four-credit courses which are chosen from either the Literature or Rhetoric option (totaling 28 credits), as well as a four credit seminar in thesis writing and a two credit independent study for supervision of their MA thesis (25-30 pages). A grade point average of 3.0 (B) in all coursework is required. To earn the degree with Honors, a grade point average of 3.5 and a grade of Honors on the master’s thesis are required.

Literature Option: seven courses (28 credits), including at least five courses in literature (700-level courses) that must include at least one course in English literature before 1800.

Rhetoric Option: seven courses (28 credits), including three in linguistics, writing or the teaching of writing (600-level courses) and four courses in literature (700-level), at least one course in English literature before 1800.

The following classes are required regardless of chosen concentration:

- **ENG 690 - Seminar in Thesis Writing** (4 credits)
  - This course may be taken after successful completion of four courses in the program.

- **ENG 780 - Supervision of Thesis Writing and Oral Defense** (2 credits)

Students who have received NYS Initial Teacher Certification and desire the Professional Teacher Certification as teachers of Adolescent English are encouraged to take EDS 692, Advanced Studies in Teaching Secondary School English (3 Credits) in the School of Education. Please consult with the MA coordinator for help with registering for this course.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor of Arts degree from an accredited institution
- At least 32 credits of undergraduate courses in English (excluding freshman composition)
- A cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (B) or a grade point average of 3.0 (B) in English courses

Students may be admitted conditionally with the approval of the coordinator of the English MA program; their admission will be reviewed after completion of required courses. The program must be completed in five years.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Graduate Application:
The application must be completed online at www.csi.cuny.edu/graduatestudies.

Transcripts:
Applicants must request official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. If you are currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution, have one transcript sent now and another sent when you complete the courses that you are taking. Applicants who have been enrolled at CSI do not need to request a CSI transcript; the Office of Recruitment and Admissions will obtain a copy.

Application Fee:
A $125.00 non-refundable application fee is required of all applicants. Please make your check or money order payable to the College of Staten Island.

Personal Statement:
Applicants must submit a one- to two-page personal statement that discusses the academic experiences that have prepared you for the graduate program in English.

Letters of Recommendation:
Two letters of recommendation from English professors.

Writing Sample:
A minimum 8-10 page paper written for an English course with verified authorship.

TOEFL or IELTS:
The TOEFL or IELTS exam is a requirement of students for whom English is a second language.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): Minimum required score is 79 (Internet). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the TOEFL website at www.ets.org. Our institutional code is 2778.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS): We will only accept the academic exam scores. Minimum required score: 6.5 (overall band). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the IELTS website at www.ielts.org.

All documents must be submitted to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.

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