

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The MA program in English at Virginia Tech offers many attractive benefits and opportunities.

As a student in our program you will have the opportunity to:

- Study in a **technologically rich department**, where workshops and online tutorials are available to help you develop technical skills
- Hone your teaching skills with a **Graduate Teaching Assistantship**, which offers tuition waivers and stipends and provides strong preparation through a mentoring program that supports beginning teachers
- Earn additional credentials, including **certificates** in Women's Studies and the Future Professoriate program
- Participate in the annual **Graduate Student National Research Conference**
- Attend talks and presentations by renowned scholars and writers
- Work with **award-winning faculty** members who publish widely in the fields of literature, ethnic literature, cultural studies, linguistics, critical theory, digital humanities, research methods, composition, and professional writing
- Live in the scenic **New River Valley**



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FOR MORE INFORMATION

CAMPUS VISITS

The university sponsors campus visits for applicants nominated by their departments whose applications are complete in December.

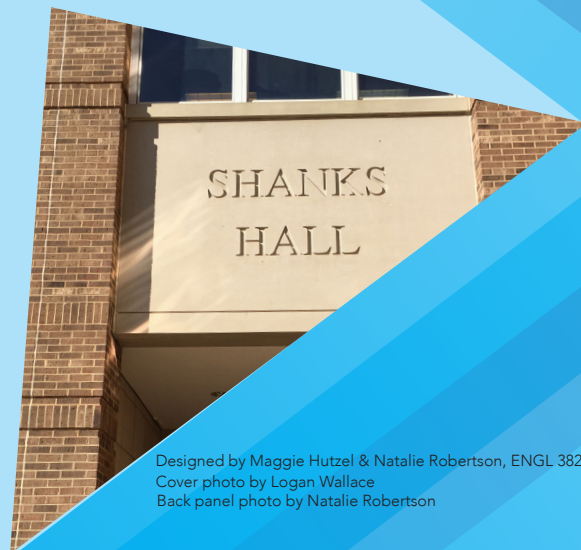
Other applicants are welcome to visit campus at their own expense. To arrange a campus visit, please contact the director of the program to which you will apply.

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For more information on all the English Department's offerings and on requirements for enrollment in the MA program, please visit <http://www.graduate.english.vt.edu/MA/index.html>



MASTER OF ARTS in English

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APPLICATION PROCESS

The Graduate School application is an online application form that requires personal information, reference information, and information about your plans and motivations for pursuing graduate work.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Online application to the Graduate School
- GRE scores
- PDF copies of transcripts
- 3 letters of recommendation submitted electronically
- Writing samples attached directly to the application

The online application and more information about application requirements can be found by visiting <http://www.graduate.english.vt.edu/admissions/index.html>

COURSES

The MA in English program is a 36-hour program with options in literature and writing.

Required courses:

- Literary Research (ENGL 5014)
 - Critical Theory (ENGL 5024)
 - Academic Integrity and Plagiarism (GRAD 5014)
 - A capstone project which has a thesis (6 credits) or a non-thesis (3 credits) option
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at least one of the following courses:
- Digital Humanities (5074)
 - Intro to Medical Humanities (5464)
 - Teaching Literature (5474)

Plus a variety of additional credit options

TESTIMONIALS

"A master's in English is such a versatile degree, especially when earned through a program with supportive faculty that empowers students to tailor their degrees to focus on their professional interests— for me, it was technical communication. My curriculum included theory-related courses that equipped me with fundamental knowledge about technical communication, which I now apply to my everyday work."

– **Sanglin Lee (2014)**
Lowe's, Process Designer

"Writing a thesis was one of the most rewarding experiences from the MA program. I was initially intimidated by the thought of writing a thesis, and I'd planned on going the non-thesis route. However, through my course work, I discovered a topic that really interested me, and I found myself driven to research more and write more."

– **Gina Desiderio Edmison (2004)**
Healthy Teen Network,
Director of Marketing and
Communications