



Central to Activating the Power of the Written Word.

The MA in English at Central offers a variety of courses on a broad range of topics reflecting the diverse interests of the English Department's faculty. Typical approaches include in-depth examinations of individual authors, comparative analyses of a particular theme or issue, explorations of established or emergent literary forms, historical treatments of particular periods, and investigations of important critical or theoretical methods. Independent studies and guided readings are also available to allow students to pursue interests not addressed in scheduled courses. With its diverse, engaged faculty and structured but flexible programs, the two tracks offer students a thorough, rigorous training in British and American literature and literary studies that allows students to tailor their experiences to meet their professional and intellectual needs and interests.

Program Options

- **Literary Studies:** Introduces students to the theory and practice of literary criticism and research. Gives students the tools needed to pursue careers in education at the K-12 level (or enhances the skills and qualifications of those already teaching) and for other careers involving the reading, writing, and analysis of texts. It also prepares students for advanced study in doctoral programs.
- **Teaching:** Accelerated hybrid courses are offered 50% in-person and 50% online. Designed for current teachers who plan to seek a teaching certification or anyone seeking engagement with literary works that are regarded as "canonical" or otherwise influential in American culture. Deepens knowledge of texts frequently taught in secondary schools and explores the literary-historical and cultural issues involved in canon formation.

Program Features

- Starts every January and August
- 30-credit program
- Attend full- or part-time
- Class times optimized for working students
- Work closely with faculty to develop research and presentation skills
- Scholarship opportunities
- Financial aid is available
- No GMAT/GRE required



What You'll Gain

- Interaction with a diverse and engaged internationally known faculty
- Skills to construct powerful and sound arguments in literary analysis and criticism
- Advanced development of academic writing conventions and critical tools
- Technical language in literary studies and advanced methodologies of literary analysis and theory
- Advanced coursework in a diverse range of literary genres, historical periods, perspectives and cultures
- Professional and educational writing, speaking, teaching, and tutoring opportunities
- Preparation for a variety of careers, including teaching at both K-12 and higher education institutions
- Credentials that open doors to PhD programs and careers in education, non-profit and community organizations, publishing, business, and media

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Within one semester of Central's English program, I knew I was in the right place. I have been able to help with research, tutoring, copy editing, and submitting work for publication. The faculty is diverse, inviting, and truly committed to the needs and dreams of their students.
— Mariah R. Maresh, MA '21
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Applying for Admission

For consideration, applicants must submit the following:

1. A completed online application with supplemental materials (ccsu.edu/apply):
 - Letter detailing reasons for pursuing graduate study in English
 - Contact information for two academic references
 - Writing sample of 10-15 pages: may be work submitted for previous courses, but must show your analytical or critical writing about literature
2. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (GPA of 3.00 or higher. Applicants with lower GPAs may be considered conditionally)
 - Bachelor's degree in English or American Literature, or closely related field

Official transcripts may be sent directly to the Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office:

By Mail: Central Connecticut State University
Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office
1615 Stanley Street
Central Welcome Center
New Britain, CT 06050

By Email: graduateadmissions@ccsu.edu



DID YOU KNOW?

Central's graduate English program received curriculum development grants from the American Association of University Professors in 2018 and 2021 because of our commitment to curricular reforms.

ABOUT CENTRAL:

Central Connecticut State University is the largest university within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Founded in 1849, Central is also the state's oldest publicly funded university. Our campus is located in New Britain, Connecticut. Central is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

