**MA in Rhetoric and Composition**

**Course Requirements**

**(Independent Study Track)**

Department of English

Georgia State University

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A total of 27 hours of course work beyond the B.A. level (including, if desired, a maximum of six hours of coursework in related fields offered by other departments), plus 3 hours of thesis credit, and an independent study project (20-25 pages excluding notes and reference material) approved by a committee:

1. Nine (9) Hours of the following courses:
   * ENGL 8170 History & Theory of Rhetoric & Composition I
   * ENGL 8171 History & Theory of Rhetoric & Composition II
   * ENGL 8180 Contemporary Issues in Writing Studies
2. Nine (9) Hours from the following:
   * ENGL 6510 Grant and Proposal Writing
   * ENGL 6521, Archival Research Methods
   * ENGL 8115 Technical Writing
   * ENGL 8121 Digital Rhetoric
   * ENGL 8122 User Experience Research
   * ENGL 8123 Digital Media Production
   * ENGL 8124 Web Programming for Writers
   * ENGL 8174 20th and 21st Century Rhetoric
   * ENGL 8005 Practical Grammar
   * ENGL 8080 Modern Grammar
3. Three (3) hours of Directed Reading in the area of specialization in which Independent Study Project is to be written;
4. Six (6) hours of electives (may be taken in any related fields of study in English or in other departments, with approval of advisor and the Director of Graduate Studies) and/or internship(s) (register for ENGL 8920 for graduate internships);
5. Three (3) hours of ENGL 8999 Thesis Research.

**Independent Study Project**

This project may involve digital and workplace projects as well as textual studies, and can be either a substantial (20-25 pages) academic paper or equivalent digital project. In any event, the Independent Study Project must originate as a text/assignment within one of the courses taken by the student toward completion of the degree, and the Project Advisor will be the professor who taught the course in which the text/assignment originated. As per College of Arts and Sciences requirements, the Independent Study Project must also be read by two other faculty members in the department, at least one of whom, in addition to the Project Advisor, must approve the project by the appropriate College deadline for graduation. Readers of the Project are to be selected by the student in consultation with his/her Advisor.

**Graduate Research Skill Requirement**

Candidates for the M.A. with an emphasis in rhetoric, composition, and technical and professional writing are expected to fulfill the graduate research requirement or to have received a grade of B or higher in either of the following course sets:

1. both [ENGL 8121](javascript:void(0)) (Rhetoric of Digital Media) and [ENGL 8123](javascript:void(0)) (Digital Media Production), or
2. both ENGL 8122 (User Experience Research) and ENGL 8124 (Web Programming for Writers).