**MA in Rhetoric and Composition**

**Course Requirements**

**(Thesis Track)**

Department of English

Georgia State University

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A total of thirty 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);

1. Nine 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. Three Hours in research methods. Choose one course from the following:
   * ENGL 8122 User Experience Research
   * ENGL 6521, Archival Research Methods
   * ENGL 8175 Topics in Rhetoric and Composition (only when the course is tagged as having a research methods focus)
3. Twelve additional hours of rhetoric and composition courses and strongly related courses;
4. Six 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);
5. Six hours of ENGL 8999 Thesis Research.

**Thesis**

Thesis research may involve digital and workplace projects as well as textual studies, and the thesis can be a substantial (40–60 pages) academic paper or a digital project with approval of the director. The proposal for thesis research must be submitted and approved by the student’s committee the semester prior to writing the thesis.

**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).