



Graduate programs in  
**ENGLISH**



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## Why graduate studies in English at Marquette?

Participate in classroom discussions. Travel to conferences and present your views to colleagues. Work with faculty to hone your writing for publication. Advance your leadership skills by joining a graduate organization. These are only a few of the ways Marquette's graduate English program will help you cultivate your talents in writing, reading and thinking. Whether you're a secondary school teacher looking to bolster credentials, a student looking to lay the foundation for doctoral work, a doctoral candidate training to become a professor or a corporate employee looking to improve job qualifications, Marquette's program can help advance your career.

### A B O U T M A R Q U E T T E

**Our programs.** Marquette offers 50 doctoral and master's degree and more than 30 graduate certificate programs, and a School of Dentistry and Law School. And we have a variety of specializations to help you tailor the curriculum to your needs — an opportunity not offered by all universities.

**Our students.** We enroll approximately 3,700 graduate and professional students from diverse cultural and educational backgrounds and 68 countries all over the world.

**Our faculty.** Marquette's almost 700 full-time faculty represent renowned scholars and industry experts. As a student, you'll also benefit from established collaborations within the local business and nonprofit communities, as well as other nationally renowned institutions within the region, including the Clinical and Translational Science Institute, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee School of Engineering, University of Wisconsin system, and others.

**Our research.** Graduate students can participate in important research alongside our renowned faculty members — making you a contributing member of our research team, not just a face in the crowd like at some other universities. Marquette's overall research award volume in fiscal year 2010 reached a record high, with faculty receiving more than \$28 million. Federal award dollars increased by 81 percent, and the average award size rose by 45 percent. Federal, state, foundation and corporation research awards all increased in fiscal year 2009, and corporate research dollars increased more than 50 percent from the previous fiscal year.

**Our commitment.** Class sizes are small and are usually taught by regular faculty members who are conducting cutting edge research. Your teaching will be informed by current research, and you will often have the opportunity to participate in research.

**Our network.** As a graduate of Marquette, you'll become part of our alumni family of 110,000 around the world — creating a professional network that spans from right next door to across the globe.

**Our values-based education.** As a Jesuit institution of higher education, Marquette continues a centuries-old tradition of academic excellence, development of the whole person and research that addresses societal needs.

**Be prepared.** Our faculty work in conjunction with student groups, such as the Preparing Future Faculty program and Association of English Graduate Students, to enhance your professionalism and prepare you for the job market.

**Be published.** We'll help you hone your passion within literary studies and work to help refine your writing for publication in prestigious journals in your field.

**Be inspired.** You'll find a dedicated faculty of true teacher-scholars, nationally and internationally renowned professors who maintain a balance between their original research and your education.

**Be mentored.** Your teachers will be published experts, active and visible in their fields, who are committed to giving you the personal attention you need.

**Be challenged.** Most graduate students gain practical experience by teaching literature, rhetoric and composition in our First-year English Program.

**Be supported.** We offer financial aid to students every year in the form of research assistantships or teaching assistantships, with tuition credits, a competitive stipend and health care benefits.

#### English graduate programs:

[Doctorate in American or British literature](#)

[Master of arts in American or British literature](#)

## YOUR JOURNEY

An English graduate degree can prepare you for a variety of careers, including academia, law, finance, publishing, secondary education and more. Many of these fields are in high demand. According to the 2010-11 Bureau of Labor and Statistics' *Occupational Handbook*, individuals holding a doctoral degree will be in the greatest demand. Are you ready to discover your full potential?

### **Doctoral degree**

Specializations: American or British literature

Applicants (2009): 35

Admitted (2009): 17

### **Course work:**

- Twenty-four credit hours (eight classes) of course work is required beyond the master's degree, including a course on literary theory and an independent study in which students prepare their dissertation proposal and other qualifying exam materials.
- Course work should be a combination of courses pertaining to students' specific fields of interest and courses in areas they have not covered in bachelor's or master's programs.
- Students work with advisers to determine their fields of interest, specifically what questions they think they need to address the most.
- Students must demonstrate competence in one foreign language in which there is significant scholarly literature for their program field.
- Course options include the Romantic Period: 1790-1837; studies in global literature; creative writing: fiction; studies in literary criticism; studies in genre; and more.
- Typical class size is 10 students.

### **Comprehensive examination:**

- All students are required to pass a comprehensive examination relating to their dissertation proposal that covers the annotated bibliography of their dissertation.

### **Dissertation requirements:**

- Twelve hours of dissertation credits are required.
- Students must author and successfully defend a dissertation representing an original research contribution.

Refine your teaching skills, participate in university committee work, present scholarly lectures and papers, and learn how to conduct a successful job search through our Preparing Future Faculty program. Marquette is one of only 17 U.S. universities to have received funding for this program. For more information, visit [marquette.edu/pff](http://marquette.edu/pff).



My fellow students are more colleagues than competitors, and the faculty are super accessible. As a teaching assistant, I also feel like the combination of resource support and classroom freedom helps prepare me for when I move on to a teaching position after graduation."

**Daniel Burke, Grad '06**  
Doctoral candidate

### **Teaching opportunities:**

- Most graduate students teach as part of the First-year English Program.
  - The First-year English Program consists of two classes in rhetoric and composition, which cover academic literacy and public sphere literacy.
  - Graduate students participate in this important endeavor to gain skills in organization, prioritizing, lesson planning, lecturing and mentoring.

### **Travel opportunities:**

- Students are encouraged to pursue their research goals and engage in academic conversations all over the country and world.
- There are opportunities for students to win travel funds to attend scholarly conferences.

For more program details, including requirements and course descriptions, see the *Graduate Bulletin* at [marquette.edu/grad](http://marquette.edu/grad).

## Master of arts

Specializations: American or British literature

Applicants (2011): 88

Admitted (2011): 53

### Course work:

- Thirty credit hours (10 classes) beyond a bachelor's degree are required.
  - At least 24 credit hours (eight classes) of English Department courses must be taken.
  - Twenty-four credit hours (eight classes) must be in graduate courses at the 6000 level.
  - One of the courses is an introduction to the materials and methods of literary study.
- Graduate course topics include language and linguistics, 19th-century British literature, American literature before 1900, and introduction to modern critical theory and practice, among others.
- Typical class size is 10 students.

### Required examination:

- All students must pass a comprehensive written exam.

### Teaching opportunities:

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“There is a great support network at Marquette amongst English grad students and faculty. I’ve been able to form close working relationships with my professors, both during my course work and as I begin my dissertation, which has been invaluable to my studies as well as my professional development.”

**Magdalen McKinley, Grad '08**  
 Doctoral candidate  
 Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland



The Association of English Graduate Students provides leadership opportunities in the department, including holding officer positions and participating in faculty committees. Find out more at [marquette.edu/english/aegs](http://marquette.edu/english/aegs).

## YOUR FACULTY MENTORS



**Dr. Amy L. Blair**, assistant professor  
*American literature*

**Dr. Edwin F. Block**, professor  
*19th-century British literature*

**Dr. Mary-Catherine Bodden**, associate professor  
*Medieval literature and linguistics*

**Dr. John R. Boly**, associate professor  
*20th-century British literature*

**Dr. Virginia A. Chappell**, associate professor and  
director of the First-year English Program  
*Rhetoric*

**Dr. Leah Culligan-Flack**, assistant professor  
*Modern British literature*

**Dr. John Curran**, professor and director of graduate studies  
*Renaissance literature*

**Dr. Jenn Fishman**, assistant professor  
*Rhetoric and Composition*

**Dr. Tol Foster**, assistant professor  
*American Indian Literature*

**Dr. Beth Godbee**, assistant professor  
*Rhetoric and Composition*

**Dr. Heather A. Hathaway**, associate professor  
*American studies*

**Dr. Diane Long Hoeveler**, professor  
*Romantic literature, women's studies*

**C.J. Hribal**, professor  
*Creative writing*

**Dr. Thomas L. Jeffers**, professor  
*19th-century British literature*

**Dr. Steven Hartman-Keiser**, associate professor  
*Linguistics*

**Dr. Christine L. Krueger**, professor  
*19th-century British literature*

**Dr. Corinna Lee**, assistant professor  
*20th Century American Literature*

**Dr. Tim W. Machan**, professor  
*Medieval literature and linguistics*

**Dr. Jodi L. Melamed**, associate professor  
*American literature*

**Dr. Rebecca S. Nowacek**, associate professor  
*Rhetoric, interdisciplinary studies*

**Dr. Krista Ratcliffe**, professor and department chair  
*Rhetoric*

**Dr. Marques Redd**, assistant professor  
*British and American Romanticism*

**Dr. Albert J. Rivero**, professor  
*Restoration, 18th-century British literature*

**Dr. Angela Sorby**, associate professor  
*American literature*

**Dr. John Su**, associate professor  
*Post-colonial and 20th-century British literature*

**Dr. Sarah A. Wadsworth**, associate professor  
*American literature*

**Dr. Amelia Zurcher**, associate professor and  
coordinator of the women's studies program  
*Renaissance literature, women's studies*

For more information about the department's faculty members and their research, visit [marquette.edu/english/faculty](http://marquette.edu/english/faculty).

## FACULTY AWARDS

Our faculty members have held prestigious fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies, William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, Fulbright Research Fellowship, Guggenheim Foundation, Huntington Library, National Endowment for the Humanities and Newberry Library.

## FACULTY RESEARCH

Marquette's English Department consists of 25 faculty members who are actively engaged in research, publication, teaching and service. Committed to the teacher-scholar model, faculty members regularly teach courses at all levels in addition to conducting their own research.

### The interconnections between Romanticism, Gothicism and feminism

**Dr. Diane Long Hoeveler** — Hoeveler's research encompasses canonical British Romantic poetry, Gothic novels and women writers and includes publications on Charlotte Brontë, Emily Brontë, Mary Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft, feminism, women of color, and women and creativity.

### The changing demographic, political and literary situation of the English language in the Middle Ages

**Dr. Tim W. Machan** — Machan's research focuses on social anxieties associated with change and variation in the history of English. He also studies the ways in which language uses in literature and everyday settings relate to one another.

### The 18th-century novel; editor for Cambridge University's critical edition of the works of Samuel Richardson

**Dr. Albert J. Rivero** — Rivero's research explores the complex connections between literary works produced in Britain during the so-called long 18th century, from the Restoration to the Romantics, and their historical contexts, with special focus on women's fiction and its relation to the novels of Samuel Richardson and Henry Fielding.

### Rhetoric and rhetorical theory as viewed from feminist perspectives

**Dr. Krista Ratcliffe** — Ratcliffe's research examines the cultural presence and/or absence of women's voices. These studies include how women's voices emerge (or not) in Western rhetorical traditions, as well as literary and lived birthing narratives. Her research also includes troubled identifications with gender and whiteness in public debates, rhetorical scholarship, and composition pedagogy.

### History of the book

**Dr. Sarah A. Wadsworth**, an expert in 19th-century American literature, is leading an effort to make the study of reading culture and book production an important departmental strength.

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## YOUR RESOURCES

As a graduate student in English, you'll have access to:

- leadership opportunities through the Association of English Graduate Students.
- travel opportunities to attend scholarly conferences.
- the Raynor, Smith and Schmidt fellowships and the English Department's dissertation fellowship, which through a selection process each year awards a fully funded year of study.
- mentoring and tutoring opportunities at the Norman H. Ott Memorial Writing Center. Find out more at [marquette.edu/english/writingcenter](http://marquette.edu/english/writingcenter).

Our graduate programs also provide excellent resources beyond the classrooms. Thanks to our location in downtown Milwaukee and community-connected faculty, you'll enjoy an urban setting with access to a vibrant arts scene, professional sports, restaurants and nightlife.

### Marquette University

- Access to networking, career counseling, and job searching counselors and seminars through our free [Career Services Center](#)
- More than 20 academic centers and institutes that foster research in end-of-life care, ethics, neuroscience, rehabilitation engineering, transnational justice, water quality, sports law and others
- Access to more than 1.7 million volumes of books and bound journals, 22,000 journals and other serials in digital format, laptops for checkout, and extensive special collections ([Raynor Memorial Libraries](#) are open evenings and weekends)
- Access to a secure high-speed wireless network (54Mbps) for laptops and other devices
- Remote computer access to campus-only resources through our VPN
- [Student Health Service](#), [Counseling Center](#) and [Campus Ministry](#)
- [Sports recreation](#) and fitness facilities
- [Big East Conference sports](#), including men's basketball, which has 27 NCAA appearances, 14 Sweet Sixteen appearances, three Final Four appearances and one NCAA championship (1977) and plays in front of 18,000 fans at the Bradley Center

### Milwaukee

- The Milwaukee metropolitan area has approximately 1.7 million people, ranking among the top cities in the United States by population
- Home to 9 fortune 500 company headquarters, including Harley-Davidson, Johnson Controls, Northwestern Mutual and Rockwell Automation
- Milwaukee offers many art and cultural opportunities, including a [repertory theatre](#), a [symphony orchestra](#), two opera companies, a [ballet company](#), diverse art galleries, a [public museum](#), the [Milwaukee County Zoo](#) and the [Milwaukee Art Museum](#)
- Professional sports include baseball ([Brewers](#)), basketball ([Bucks](#)), hockey (Admirals), soccer ([Wave](#)) and skating exhibitions at the [Pettit National Ice Center](#) (an Olympic training facility)
- Known as the city of festivals, Milwaukee has abundant celebrations throughout the year honoring the city's diverse heritage, including [Summerfest](#) — the world's largest outdoor music festival
- More than 10 miles of lakefront, 1,500 restaurants and 15,000 acres of parks



## YOUR INVESTMENT

Furthering your education is an investment you can count on. Financial aid — in several forms — can help meet the costs of your graduate education at Marquette.

### Tuition\*

#### **For full-time students:**

Nine credits per semester at \$945 per credit = \$8,505 per semester

#### **For part-time students:**

Three to six credits per semester at \$945 per credit = \$2,835 to \$5,670 per semester

A minimum of 54 credit hours beyond a bachelor's degree is required to complete the doctoral degree program.

A minimum of 30 credit hours beyond a bachelor's degree is required to complete the master's degree program.

\*Figures provided are based on average credit hours taken per semester and exclude service fees and/or continuous enrollment/continuation course fees. Per-credit cost valid until May 2012.

### Merit-based aid

- Most accepted students are awarded teaching assistantships, which provide a yearly stipend and 18 tuition credits. Several research assistantships are available with the same stipend and tuition assistance.
- Raynor, Smith and Schmitt fellowships are available to doctoral students through university competition. These provide up to \$15,000 per year, plus tuition credits.
- Newberry Library Fellowships are available to doctoral students through consortium competition. These programs provide a stipend for travel and research at the library in Chicago.
- Tuition scholarships are available to cover the cost of some or all course work not covered by other awards.

### Need-based aid

Enroll as a half- or full-time student in a degree program (at least four credit hours, usually two or more classes a semester), and you may be eligible for loans distributed through the [Office of Student Financial Aid](#). Most student loans have competitive interest rates and do not require repayment until after you complete your course of study.

To apply, file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid each year between January 1 and mid-February. It's available from the [Office of Student Financial Aid](#) or at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov). Once you have been admitted to your program and completed your financial aid paperwork, we will determine your eligibility and send you a notice explaining what financial aid you are eligible to receive from the university.

### Additional resources

- Marquette offers a convenient payment plan that divides tuition costs into monthly installments. For more information, visit [marquette.edu/mucentral](http://marquette.edu/mucentral) or contact Marquette Central at (414) 288-4000.
- [Employment assistance](#) is available.
- Private lenders feature special educational loans.
- Your employer may offer a tuition-remission plan.
- Some private foundations offer financial aid for graduate study.
- Tax credits can be claimed for work-related educational expenses.



Two of our faculty members graduated from Marquette with excellent training to succeed as instructors and academic leaders. Their broad intellectual background and charismatic pedagogy have made them indispensable members of the Department of English and the university community. We're thrilled to have them here."

**Dr. Ronald Rindo**

Professor and Department of English chair  
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

## YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Where could a graduate degree in English lead you?

### **You'll find our recent doctoral degree graduates excelling in tenure-track positions at:**

- Augsburg College in Minneapolis
- DeSales University in Center Valley, Pa.
- Franklin College in Franklin, Ind.
- Kent State University-Stark in Canton, Ohio
- Ohio Dominican College in Columbus
- Rider University in Lawrenceville, N.J.
- Silver Lake College in Manitowoc, Wis.
- St. Mary's University in Winona, Minn.
- University of St. Thomas in Houston

### **You'll find our recent master's degree graduates excelling in doctoral studies at:**

- Baylor University in Waco, Texas
- Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland
- University of California, San Diego
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Minnesota system
- University of Wisconsin-Madison

### **You'll also find our recent master's degree graduates excelling in industries such as:**

- business writing
- finance
- law
- public relations
- publishing
- secondary education

## YOUR FIRST STEP

**We invite you to apply.**

### Application requirement checklist:

- Online application at [marquette.edu/grad/apply](http://marquette.edu/grad/apply) (must be submitted online before any additional admission materials)
- Application fee
- Official transcripts from all current and previous colleges/universities except Marquette
- Three letters of recommendation
- One or two writing samples
- A statement of purpose
- GRE scores
- (International applicants only) TOEFL score or other acceptable proof of English proficiency
- If necessary, submit any additional hard-copy materials in one envelope to:

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**We invite you to speak with a faculty member.**

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