



University of Cyprus
Department of English Studies

MA IN ENGLISH STUDIES PROGRAM GUIDE

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PROGRAM GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The MA in English Studies offered by the Department of English Studies at the University of Cyprus is a conventional 2-year MA program that carries 120 ECTS in total. In each of the first three semesters of study, students are required to register for three courses of 10 ECTS each. Two of these courses in each semester will be drawn from a list of broader rubrics that represent the philosophy and objectives of the programme. These course offerings may vary from one cycle of the MA to another, but by the end of the third semester, students will have taken a minimum of one course from each of the four rubrics. The fourth semester of study involves the writing of an MA dissertation under the guidance of an assigned supervisor.

PROGRAM'S PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The MA in English Studies is designed for students who wish to pursue advanced study and research in English Studies. Drawing from the fields of literary and cultural studies, translation studies, and the study of the English language, the programme balances theoretical and practical concerns, providing graduate students with a holistic understanding of hermeneutic and pedagogical issues of interpretation and transmission. It offers:

- a) extensive focus on theoretically and historically informed perspectives on literature;
- b) a particular focus on the role of the interlingual and intercultural transfer of literary texts through translation and adaptation; and
- c) a vital background in the philosophy and practice of language.

The wide range of courses on offer highlights the interdisciplinary, inter-generic and cross-cultural dimensions of contemporary literary, linguistic, and cultural studies within the Anglophone context.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the MA in English Studies, students will be able to demonstrate:

- knowledge of a broad range of core literary and related texts relevant to the field of study, and of their interpretations;
- knowledge of a broad range of core linguistic texts relevant to the field of study, and of their applications in theory and practice;
- knowledge and understanding of a broad spectrum of critical and methodological approaches to texts, and the ability to develop complex interpretations of literary and related texts, often within an interdisciplinary framework;
- knowledge and understanding of a broad spectrum of theoretical and applied approaches to the English language, and the ability to develop complex argumentation of linguistic analysis, often in interdisciplinary contexts;
- the ability to situate and analyse literary texts, including translated ones, within their social, cultural, and historical contexts;
- the ability to apply a broad range of theories to critically interpret texts and investigate their role in the production and reproduction of ideas;
- the ability to critically evaluate translated texts and to apply a broad array of theoretical approaches to assess the role played by literary texts in translation or adaptation within the social, cultural, and historical framework of their production and reception;
- the ability to apply knowledge acquired in the context of teaching English to speakers of other languages;

- the ability to develop interdisciplinary approaches to their field of study;
- the ability to communicate ideas in accordance with professional standards and conventions of academic writing, with a view to contributing to the development of knowledge;
- the ability to demonstrate autonomy and responsibility in the delivery of work in a manner transferable to a range of professional contexts.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

To graduate from the program, students must successfully complete the program requirements as shown in the table below:

REQUIREMENTS	ECTS
Compulsory courses (3x10 ECTS each)	30
Restricted electives (6x10 ECTS each)	60
MA Thesis (compulsory)	30
Total ECTS	120

Further details about the courses and the course distribution per semester may be found in the sections below.

COURSE DISTRIBUTION PER SEMESTER

No.	Course Type	Course Name	Course Code	Periods per week	Period duration	No. of weeks per semester	No. of hours per semester	No. of ECTS
Semester 1								
1.	Compulsory	Advanced Research Skills I	ENG 736	2	1.5	13	39	10
2.	Restricted elective	Drawn from the list of rubrics	ENG XXX	2	2	13	52	10
3.	Restricted elective	Drawn from the list of rubrics	ENG XXX	2	2	13	52	10
Semester 2								
4.	Compulsory	Advanced Research Skills II	ENG 737	2	1.5	13	39	10
5.	Restricted elective	Drawn from the list of rubrics	ENG XXX	2	2	13	52	10
6.	Restricted elective	Drawn from the list of rubrics	ENG XXX	2	2	13	52	10
Semester 3								
7.	Restricted elective	Drawn from the list of rubrics	ENG XXX	2	2	13	52	10
8.	Restricted elective	Drawn from the list of rubrics	ENG XXX	2	2	13	52	10
9.	Compulsory	Research Portfolio	ENG738	n/a	n/a	13	n/a	10
Semester 4								
10.	Compulsory	Master Thesis in English Studies	ENG 739	n/a	n/a	13	n/a	30

LIST OF RUBRICS

I) Topics in Literary and Cultural History
ENG700 Aesthetics and Literature: From Romanticism to Postmodernism
ENG709 World Literature: History, Theory, Practices
ENG713 Gender, Sexuality, and Subjectivity in Early Modern Literature and Culture
ENG721 Nation and Narrative
ENG723 Early Modern Literature and Political Theory
ENG725 Writing the Anthropocene
II) Questions in Comparative Cultural Studies
ENG705 The Animal in Literature and Philosophy
ENG708 Writing Coercive Confinement in English
ENG716 The Sublime
ENG719 Space and Cultural Production
ENG720 Seminar in Contemporary Feminist Theory: Debates on Aesthetics, Ethics and Politics
ENG726 Advanced Seminar in Literary and Cultural Theory
III) Reception, Translation, Adaptation
ENG714 Texts in Performance
ENG727 Reading, Re-reading, Failing to Read: Methodological Questions in Literary and Cultural Criticism
ENG771 Shakespeare's Afterlives
ENG772 Translation Criticism
ENG773 Theater Translation and Intercultural Transfer
IV) Language, Literature, Pedagogy
ENG704 Critical Pedagogy and Shakespeare
ENG740 Language Teaching and Learning
ENG743 Principles of Linguistic Analysis I

ENG748 Principles of Linguistic Analysis II
ENG749 First and Second Language Acquisition
ENG760 Philosophy of Language
ENG761 Pragmatics: Utterance, Context, Communication

MA THESIS

As already noted, the requirements for the MA in English Studies include the writing of an MA thesis in the fourth semester of study. This will be undertaken by the students under the guidance of an assigned supervisor. The expected word length of the thesis, which takes 30 ECTS, is between 12,000 and 15,000 words. As stipulated in the UCY Postgraduate Studies Rules, MA theses are evaluated independently by at least two evaluators. If a thesis is rejected, the student is entitled to resubmit it once more (provided that the resubmission falls within the maximum period of time allowed for the completion of the requirements for MA programs at the University of Cyprus, i.e. eight semesters). For the MA programs of the Department of English Studies, theses are evaluated numerically, on a scale of 0 to ten (with half grades and with 5 being the passing grade). The grade of the thesis is not included in the calculation of the student's final grade point average.

ERASMUS+

Under certain conditions, students taking the MA in English Studies may be offered the possibility of spending an Erasmus+ semester abroad at one of the Department's partner institutions. If you are interested in looking into this possibility, please contact the program coordinator Dr Stella Achilleos (stella@ucy.ac.cy) and the Erasmus coordinator of the Department, Dr Konstantinos Kritsis (kritis.konstantinos@ucy.ac.cy). For a list of the Department's Erasmus+ bilateral agreements, please visit the following link: [ΓΑQENG-MAY24.pdf \(ucy.ac.cy\)](#)

RULES OF STUDY

All students are required to familiarize themselves with the University of Cyprus rules, regulations, procedures and codes of ethics (available on the UCY website). Issues regarding postgraduate studies more specifically are governed by the UCY General Rules of Study and the UCY Postgraduate Studies Rules.

For the UCY General Rules of Study (in English and Greek), please visit the following links:

[General rules of study.pdf \(ucy.ac.cy\)](#)

<https://www.ucy.ac.cy/legislation/wp-content/uploads/%CE%A4%CE%9F%CE%9C%CE%9F%CE%A3-%CE%92-5.1.1.pdf>

For the UCY Rules of Postgraduate Studies (in English and Greek), please visit the following links:

[postgraduate studIES rules \(ucy.ac.cy\)](#)

<https://www.ucy.ac.cy/legislation/wp-content/uploads/%CE%A4%CE%9F%CE%9C%CE%9F%CE%A3-%CE%92-5.1.3.pdf>

In addition to the above, all students are required to be familiar with Departmental policies, including the Department's Policy on Academic Integrity and Misconduct that is available on the Department's relevant webpage:

<https://www.ucy.ac.cy/eng/student-information/internal-policies-guidelines/?lang=en>

https://www.ucy.ac.cy/eng/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2023/09/Policy-on-Academic-Misconduct_FINAL_Sept-2023-2.pdf

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For any administrative type of issues (e.g. queries regarding registration), students may get in touch with the Departmental Postgraduate Studies Administrator, Ms Georgia Lasetta, at lasetta.georgia@ucy.ac.cy (tel.: 22892101).

For any queries regarding the UCY Rules of Postgraduate Studies, students may also get in touch with the Graduate School of the University at fgs@ucy.ac.cy (tel.: 22894044).

Further, students are advised to regularly check their UCY email accounts for communication sent by their course instructors and the Department. Also, to consult the 'News and Events' section on the website of the Department for announcements (e.g. announcements for talks organized as part of the Department's various lecture series): [Home - Department of English Studies \(ucy.ac.cy\)](#).