

Fact Sheet -- UNO Master's in English

Did you know . . . ?

- The Master's in English has been offered at the University of New Orleans since 1965. Since 2000, 246 students have earned an MA in English from UNO.
- In our program, you can concentrate in British Literature, American Literature, Professional Writing, or Teaching.
- You can also take courses in Literary Theory, Women's Literature, African American Literature, African and Caribbean Literature, Classics, and Rhetoric.
- Each semester, several graduate seminars are offered in the late afternoon, at night, or online. Of course, you can also take various daytime sections.
- Class size is small – fourteen maximum for each 6000-level graduate seminar, for instance. To see the current semester's course schedule, see <http://www.uno.edu/cola/english/courses.aspx>
- The Graduate Coordinator will advise you personally each semester to make sure the courses and the program work for you.
- You can take internships (for credit) in writing, editing, and publishing from organizations in the New Orleans community.
- Writing a thesis (optional) offers the opportunity to work closely with a UNO faculty member on a topic in literary criticism, rhetoric, professional writing, and even creative writing.
- Students often note their theses as the high points of their graduate work.

"My education in English at UNO prepared me for the demands of life as a writer and scholar."

2009 MA

"The faculty is pretty darn superb."

2011 MA

You can take courses from . . .

- Perhaps the best teaching department on campus. Several of our faculty—Professors Bryant, Doll, Gery, Loomis, White, and Schock—have won the UNO "Best Teacher" award presented by the UNO Alumni Association each year (Professors Bryant and Doll have both received this award *twice*).
- Dedicated teachers in every major field of British and American literature.
- Experts in classical and modern rhetoric and composition.
- Professional writing instructors. They teach courses in journalism, nonfiction writing, and professional and technical writing, often based on strong personal expertise. (Professor Shenk is the author of the standard commercial guide on writing done in the U.S. Navy, for instance.)
- Distinguished Professor Oluwaniyi Osundare, who has won the Noma Award, Africa's most prestigious book award, and the Tchicaya U Tam'si Award, Africa's highest poetry prize.
- Experts in UNO's nationally-known Creative Writing program. For that program and its sterling faculty, see www.uno.edu/creative-writing-mfa/
- Literature professors who have won some of the most prestigious academic awards in the country. These include Professor Boyd Rioux (NEH Fellowship *and* NEH Public Scholar Award) and Professor Easterlin (Guggenheim Fellowship).

"I got my BA at Clemson and my PhD at Tulane, and I've never learned more than I did from UNO."

1980 MA

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What do our students do after receiving their English MA?

THEY TEACH

- In many private schools. These include Louise S. McGehee, Ridgewood Prep, Brother Martin, Cabrini, Lutheran, Mount Carmel, and St. Martin's Episcopal.
- At public high schools such as Algiers Charter School, Baton Rouge, Destrehan, Edna Karr, Fontainebleau, John Ehret, and Northshore. Incidentally, Amanda Baudot, who teaches English at Hahnville and recently completed her UNO MA, won the award for Louisiana "High School Teacher of the Year" in 2013.
- In community colleges, particularly at Delgado in New Orleans, but also at Baton Rouge Community College and elsewhere, from Maine to California.
- As instructors at colleges in New Orleans such as UNO, Loyola, Xavier, Dillard, and Holy Cross, but also elsewhere in Louisiana and out of state, as well.

THEY WORK ON ADDITIONAL ADVANCED DEGREES

- Several work on PhDs in literature in preparation for work as college professors. Last we knew, UNO students were studying for the PhD in literature at Georgia, Loyola-Chicago, Ohio State, LSU, Southern Mississippi, Texas A&M, and ULL. Christian Carlsen (MA, 2008) completed his PhD at Oxford (Balloil College).
- One recent MA is completing a PhD in rhetoric at the University of Arizona.
- Some MAs seek advanced degrees in law, library science and education. One recent MA is studying for a PhD in psychology (counseling).

THEY WRITE AND EDIT

- A 2008 MA is a communications specialist at Ochsner Hospital; another is an editor at the Historic New Orleans Collection; yet another works online at the Baton Rouge office of the *New Orleans Times Picayune*.
- Some recent MAs have written for city newspapers, including *Houma Today*, *Thibodeaux Daily Comet*, *Magee Courier*, and *Natchez Democrat*.
- Some work as writers in government offices. These include the federal Department of the Interior and the state Teachers Retirement System.
- They also work in such fields as book publishing, web content, marketing and advertising, real estate, fundraising, and research.
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THEY WORK AS ADMINISTRATORS

- Several UNO MAs are chairs of their high school or community college English or Communication departments.
- In the field of education, an English MA heads up UNO's large summer program in Innsbruck, Austria; another manages UNO's Writing Center.
- Some MAs work as directors of composition or of writing labs at universities, and an MFA from UNO directs the Greater New Orleans Writing Project.
- MAs from UNO also work as directors, presidents, owners, managers, and CEOs in a variety of organizations not directly connected with English.

"I came to UNO as a blasé international student, and you made a scholar and teacher out of me."

1988 MA

"I really value the lifelong friends I made."

2011 MA

"All of the professors I had were experts in their disciplines, good teachers, and accommodating educators. And the program itself is stellar."

2013 MA
