

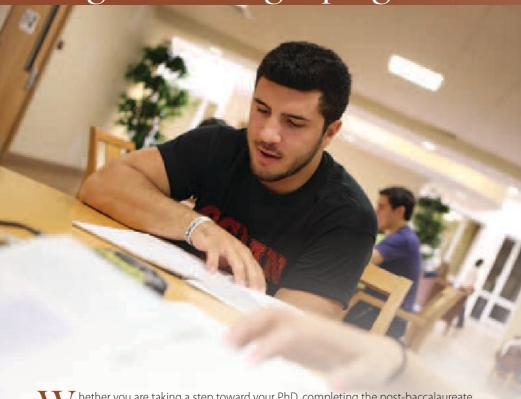
MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY

GRADUATE PROGRAMS



English

English—the right program, at the right time



hether you are taking a step toward your PhD, completing the post-baccalaureate study requirement for secondary education teachers, or seeking to enhance your job qualifications with advanced skills in research and writing, this program offers a broad range of courses and allows intensive study of special subjects in close collaboration with faculty.

The Department of English offers a track in **literature** that allows students to work with faculty, taking a variety of different approaches to English and American literary texts and examining recent trends in literary theory and scholarship.

Additional tracks include creative writing and rhetoric and writing.

For more information about this program, visit www.monmouth.edu/MA_English.

The MA in English is a **30-credit program** designed with traditional as well as non-traditional students in mind. The curriculum, appropriate for recent college graduates as well as returning students, is designed to allow students flexibility. Students interested in further graduate study in literature will find that the courses at Monmouth provide broad knowledge of literature and a sound foundation for further study. **The program provides excellent training in research and writing, allowing graduates to go on to law school, to teaching at the college level, and to positions in fields such as publishing and editing.**



Secondary school teachers can fulfill continuing education requirements and accrue credits toward salary increases by taking courses in the program. Graduates of the program have found that the work done for the degree, whether as a thesis on literary texts about exceptional children, or course work in rhetoric and composition, is directly relevant to the challenges of classroom teaching.

The rhetoric and writing track combines textual study (both rhetorical and literary) with course work in teaching composition, rhetorical theory, and linguistics, helping students develop vocabularies and methodologies for analyzing the foundations of discourse of texts from various periods and genres.

The track in **creative writing** offers courses in which students can immerse themselves in the crafts and techniques of poetry, fiction, drama, and creative nonfiction while working with nationally known writers to create a distinctive body of work of publishable quality.



how will I benefit?

- Evening classes allow students to balance study with work and/or family responsibilities, and summer courses offer additional flexibility.
- Students have numerous options for personalizing programs to meet academic, personal, and career goals with a variety of course offerings in four different concentrations.



- Department faculty are active scholars and award-winning teachers.
- Small classes and a small program size encourage frequent interaction between students and faculty.
- Graduate students work closely with faculty on research, writing, and publishing.
- Students have the opportunity to share their work with colleagues and faculty at departmental symposia.

focus on: Lauren

"As a graduate student, an adjunct faculty member, and a learning assistant at the Writing Center, I have been fortunate enough to see Monmouth University from so many different perspectives. I have learned a great deal in my short time here in all these roles, and I am certain that Monmouth has contributed to my educational and professional development in many ways.

"So many of my teachers have gone out of their way to recognize me as a student, teacher, and poet, and I know that I speak for many of my fellow students when I say that the personal attention we are given is one



of Monmouth University's greatest virtues. My hope is that even after I graduate, I can continue my relationship with a school that has given me so much."

—Lauren Schmidt, MFA MA in English, '12

Lauren Schmidt is the author of *The Voodoo Doll Parade* (2011), *Psalms of the Dining Room* (2011), and *Two Black Eyes and a Patch of Hair Missing* (forthcoming).





what are the requirements?

- Possession of a baccalaureate degree with a minimum GPA of 2.75 in undergraduate and/or previous graduate study, with 15 or more credits in literature or a related field recommended.
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty or, for students who have not recently been in an academic program, from a current colleague or supervisor.
- An application essay of 500 to 1,000 words describing your interest in literature, rhetoric, or writing, what you hope to accomplish in the MA program, and how you think the program will fit into your academic and career goals.





Application Deadlines Fall Semester: July 15 Spring Semester: November 15

Summer Sessions: May 1



invest in your future

Graduate scholarship awards are available to matriculated students in all master's degree programs and are renewable for each semester of enrollment at Monmouth University.

Award values are also based on the total number of credits taken each semester and range from \$300 to \$3,700 per semester.

Outstanding graduate students may be eligible for graduate assistantships.

Partial-tuition scholarships are available to students who have completed a master's degree program at Monmouth University and who return to the University to matriculate for a second master's degree or certificate.



See Monmouth University's Financial Aid Web page for more information at www.monmouth.edu/financialaid.



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To find out more about Monmouth's graduate English program, visit the department's Web site at **www.monmouth.edu/MA_English**. Call the Office of Graduate Admission at 732-571-3452 or visit our Web site at **www.monmouth.edu/graduate** to contact a graduate admission counselor. Review your academic history with us and begin planning for your future as a Monmouth University graduate student!



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