Did you know . . . ?

- The Master’s in English has been offered at the University of New Orleans since 1965. Just since 2000, 221 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 and more are offered at night—two or three of them one night a week. Of course, you can also take various daytime and occasional online sections.
- Class size is small – fourteen maximum for each 6000-level graduate seminar. Students may also take 4000-level classes that have a graduate element. See the current semester’s course schedule at http://English.uno.edu/courses.cfm
- 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 thesis in literary criticism, rhetoric, professional writing, and even creative writing.
- Students often note their theses as the highpoints of their graduate work.

You can take courses from . . .

- Perhaps the best teaching department on campus. Several of our professors, for example—Professors Bryant, Doll, Gery, Loomis, and Schock—have won the UNO “best teacher” award presented by the UNO Alumni 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 rhetoric 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 (see UNO’s website to learn about that program and its sterling faculty).
- Literature professors who have won some of the most prestigious academic awards in the country. These include Professor Rioux (NEH Fellowship), and Professor Easterlin (Guggenheim Fellowship).

Website: english.uno.edu
E-mail for more information about the MA: gradenglish@uno.edu
What do our students do after receiving their English MA?

**THEY TEACH**

- In dozens of local private schools. These include Louise S. McGehee, Ridgewood Prep, Brother Martin, Cabrini, Dominican, 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 has nearly completed her UNO MA, won the award for Louisiana “High School Teacher of the Year” in 2012.
- 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. UNO students currently study for the PhD in literature at Oxford, Georgia, Loyola-Chicago, Ohio State, LSU, Southern Mississippi, Texas A&M, and ULL.
- One recent MA is completing a PhD in rhetoric at the University of Arizona.
- Some MAs pursue degrees in law, while others seek advanced degrees in other fields, such as library science.
- One recent MA is studying for a PhD in education at UNO, and another has just been admitted to a PhD program in psychology (counseling).

**THEY WRITE AND EDIT**

- A 2012 MA works as a writer in the development office at Tulane; a 2008 MA is a communications specialist at East Jefferson General Hospital.
- Some recent MAs write for city newspapers, including *Houma Today*, *Thibodeaux Daily Comet*, 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, realty, fundraising and research.

**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.