

Master of Arts in English Literature Minor in Religious Literature

HBI University

Course Duration: 2 years

Credit Hours: 69 (including 15 credit hours for minor)



Program Description

The Master of Arts in English Literature at HBIU University is designed for students who wish to deepen their understanding of literary history, critical theory, and textual analysis. This program equips students with advanced research skills, critical thinking, and effective communication abilities, preparing them for careers in academia, publishing, media, and education.

Through rigorous study of classical and contemporary literature, students will engage in analytical discussions, develop original research, and explore diverse literary traditions. The program encourages interdisciplinary approaches to literary studies, integrating philosophy, history, and cultural analysis.

Admissions Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in English, Literature, or a related field
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Statement of Purpose (1,000-1,500 words) outlining research interests and career goals
- Three letters of recommendation
- Academic writing sample (literary analysis or research paper)
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) or resume
- Interview with faculty (if required)

Foundational Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
EL 201	Introduction to Literary Theory and Criticism	3
EL 202	British Literature: Medieval to 18th Century	3
EL 203	British Literature: 19th and 20th Century	3
EL 204	American Literature: Colonial to Present	3
EL 205	World Literature and Postcolonial Studies	3
EL 206	Shakespeare and Early Modern Drama	3
EL 207	The Modernist and Postmodernist Novel	3
EL 208	Poetry and Poetics: Classical to Contemporary	3
EL 209	Gender and Literature: Feminist and Queer Readings	3
EL 210	Capstone in English Literature	3

Core Courses (24 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
EL 601	Advanced Literary Research Methods	3
EL 602	Narrative and Storytelling Across Cultures	3
EL 603	Race, Identity, and Literature	3
EL 604	Digital Humanities and Literary Studies	3
EL 605	Comparative Literature: East and West	3

EL 606	Environmental Literature and Ecocriticism	3
EL 607	Science Fiction and Speculative Fiction	3
EL 608	Capstone in Literary Analysis and Criticism	3

Practicum Requirement

The practicum for this program allows students to apply their analytical and research skills in a professional setting. Opportunities include working in publishing, academic research, editing, literary archives, or teaching at the collegiate level.

Practicum Requirements:

- A minimum of 200 hours of supervised field experience.
- Submission of a comprehensive practicum report detailing experiences and learning outcomes.
- Participation in academic conferences, publishing projects, or literary workshops.
- Completion of a final presentation summarizing practicum experiences.

Master's Thesis Requirements

The Master's thesis is a critical component of the program, requiring students to conduct original research in literary studies. The thesis must demonstrate advanced critical thinking, thorough literary analysis, and academic writing proficiency.

Students must complete the following steps:

- Develop a research proposal approved by faculty advisors.
- Conduct an in-depth literature review relevant to their topic.
- Analyze literary texts using established and emerging critical theories.
- Write a comprehensive thesis (minimum 50 pages) following academic guidelines.
- Successfully defend their thesis before a faculty committee.

Advocacy in English Literature

Scholars of literature play a vital role in advocating for cultural understanding, historical awareness, and intellectual inquiry. Graduates of this program will be equipped to promote literary education, engage in critical discussions about society, and preserve the importance of literature in contemporary culture.

Advocacy Goals:

- Promote the study and appreciation of literature across diverse cultures and traditions.
- Advocate for literacy programs and equitable access to literary education.
- Support interdisciplinary research that integrates literature with social and cultural analysis.
- Influence policies that prioritize humanities education in academic institutions.

Additional Elective Courses

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
ELE 901	Literature and Film Adaptation Studies, and the studies of Religious Films	3
ELE 902	Mythology and Folklore in Literature	3
ELE 903	Creative Writing and Literary Criticism and how it relates to religious writing	3
ELE 904	Translation Studies and World Literature	3
ELE 905	The Graphic Novel and Visual Storytelling	3

Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- Analyze and interpret literary texts across diverse genres and periods.
- Conduct independent research using advanced literary theories and methodologies.
- Demonstrate strong critical thinking and analytical writing skills.
- Apply interdisciplinary approaches to literature and cultural studies.
- Contribute to academic discussions on literary trends and historical influences.
- Develop pedagogical strategies for teaching literature at secondary and post-secondary levels.

Additional Elective Courses

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
College Professor (English/Literature)	\$60,000 - \$120,000
Editor or Publishing Specialist	\$55,000 - \$110,000
Technical or Content Writer	\$50,000 - \$100,000
Librarian or Literary Archivist	\$50,000 - \$95,000
Communications or Public Relations Specialist	\$60,000 - \$130,000

