Program Sheet: M.A. in English, University of West Georgia

[Note: These outlines are for planning purposes; please consult with the Director of Graduate Studies about your individual progress and plans. Students may apply for and enter the program in any semester—fall, spring, or summer. Students may change their track designation and thus change the required number of courses and graduation requirements. The order of classes taken depends on course offerings and student preference. Assistantships are not required but are included here to illustrate workload expectations for students with a GRA or GTA.]

	Sample Two-Year Plan: Thesis Track [*]						
Time	Courses	Assistantship	Examinations				
Fall Semester 1	American Lit II – 3h British Lit I – 3h [Completion of Foreign Language 2002 with B or higher as undergraduate]	GA (3h Writing Center & 10h research/week)	[alternative to FL undergraduate completion: Foreign Language Exam OR Foreign Language 2002—does not count toward required hours in English]				
Spring	British Lit II – 3h	GA (3h Writing Center					
Semester 1	Special Topics – 3h	& 10h research/week)					
Summer	American Lit I – 3h	GA (3h Writing Center					
Semester	Special Topics – 3h	& 10h research/week)*					
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Fall Semester 2	Special Topics – 3h Independent Study – 3h	TA (3h Writing Center & 10h assisting FYW instructor in Engl 1101/week)					
Spring	American Lit I – 3h	TA (13h assisting in	Thesis completion &				
Semester 2	Thesis Hours – 3h	2000-level course/week)	defense				
Summer	Oral Exam Reading Hours		Oral Exam				
Semester 2	(no credit toward degree)						
Total	30 credit hours (plus						
	thesis & oral exam)						

Sample Two-Year Plan: Thesis Track*

*Please note: In the Thesis Track, no more than **two (2)** 5000-level courses count as credit toward the degree. 5000-level graduate courses are graduate sections of upper-level undergrad courses.

Time	Courses & Credit Hours	Assistantship	Examinations
Fall	American Lit II – 3h	GA (3h Writing Center	[alternative to FL undergraduate
Semester	British Lit I – 3h	& 10h research/week)	completion: Foreign Language
1	[Completion of Foreign		Exam OR Foreign Language 2002—does not count toward
	Language 2002 with B or		required hours in English]
	higher as undergraduate]		
Spring	British Lit II – 3h	GA (3 h Writing	
Semester	Special Topics – 3h	Center & 10h	
1	5000-level course – 3h	research/week)	
Summer	American Lit I – 3h	GA (3h Writing Center	
Semester	Special Topics – 3h	& 10h research/week)*	
1			
Fall	Special Topics – 3h	TA (3 h Writing	
Semester	American Lit II – 3h	Center & 10h assisting	
2	Independent Study – 3h	FYW instructor in	
		Engl 1101)	
Spring	British Lit II – 3h	TA (13h assisting in	
Semester	5000-level course – 3h	2000-level	
2		course/week)	
Summer	Oral Exam Reading Hours		Oral Exam
Semester	(no credit toward degree)		
2			
Total	36 credit hours (plus oral		
	exam)		

Sample Two-Year Plan: Non-Thesis Track*

*Please note: In the Non-Thesis Track, no more than **three (3)** 5000-level courses count as credit toward the degree. 5000-level graduate courses are graduate sections of upper-level undergrad courses.

Time	Courses & Credit Hours	Assistantship	Examinations
Fall Semester 1 Spring Semester	American Lit II – 3h British Lit I – 3h [Completion of Foreign Language 2002 with B or higher as undergraduate] British Lit II – 3h Special Topics – 3h	GA (3h Writing Center & 10h research) GA (3 h Writing Center & 10 h	[alternative to FL undergraduate completion: Foreign Language Exam OR Foreign Language 2002—does not count toward required hours in English]
1	-F	research)	
Summer Semester 1	American Lit I – 3h Special Topics – 3h	GA (3 h Writing Center & 10 h research)*	
Fall Semester 2	Special Topics – 3h Independent Study – 3h	TA (3 h Writing Center & 10h assisting FYW instructor in Engl 1101)	
Spring Semester 2	American Lit I – 3h 5000-level course – 3h	TA (3h Writing Center & 10h assisting in 2000- level)	Capstone completion & defense
Summer Semester 2	Oral Exam Reading Hours (no credit toward degree)		Oral Exam
Total	30 credit hours (plus capstone and oral exam)		

Sample Two-Year Plan: Capstone Track*

*Please note: In the Capstone Track, no more than **three (3)** 5000-level courses count as credit toward the degree. 5000-level graduate courses are graduate sections of upper-level undergrad courses.

** Summer assistantships are based on availability of funds and are usually awarded for one month only (carrying tuition remission for the full duration of all summer classes).