



SCHOOL OF
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STUDIES

Graduate Programs The English Department



Southern Connecticut State University



The English Department at Southern Connecticut State University offers a variety of programs to meet a wide range of scholarly, professional, and personal interests, including a master of arts degree, a master of science degree, a master of science degree with secondary education certification, a secondary education certification program, and a joint degree with library science.

Our graduate programs feature a large number of courses scheduled each semester in diverse areas of academic interest, a graduate assistantship option that involves an intensive teacher training component, a comprehensive visiting writers' series, a yearly graduate conference in which participants share the results of their scholarly achievements, and a highly qualified staff committed to students and their needs.

Our students have won a number of academic awards, have been published in scholarly and literary journals, and have gone on to successful careers in teaching, in writing, and in other creative and professional areas.

Program Descriptions

Master of Arts Degree (33 credits) is designed for students who plan to pursue doctoral studies in English and for those who want to extend their knowledge and appreciation of American or British literature, creative writing, African-American studies, composition theory, critical theory, or women's studies.

Requirements

- ENG 517—Research Methods and Critical Theory
- A course in the history of the English language or a course in the early literature of the language.
- Three courses in an area of specialization, including American or British literature, creative writing, African-American studies, composition theory, critical theory, and women's studies.

- Thesis Option—Includes thesis proposal and thesis, one course outside area of specialization, and three free electives in any area of English studies.
- Comprehensive Option—Includes comprehensive examination, one course outside area of specialization, and five free electives in any area of English studies.

Master of Science Degree (33 credits) allows the student the option of supplementing a program in English studies with electives in related fields including a certificate in women's studies. It is particularly appropriate for in-service teachers who wish to add to their background in English studies, while at the same time either exploring a related professional field or developing general skills that will add to their effectiveness in the classroom.

Requirements

- ENG 517—Research Methods and Critical Theory
- A course in the history of the English language or a course in the early literature of the language.
- Cognate Electives—Three courses in a related or applied area (or in English studies).
- Thesis Option—Includes thesis proposal and thesis and four electives in any area of English studies.
- Comprehensive Option—Includes comprehensive examination and six electives in any area of English studies.

Master of Science and Certification in Secondary Education (54 credits) is designed for students who wish to earn both a master's degree and certification to teach English in grades 7–12. In addition to meeting the general requirements of the master of science degree, applicants must have completed two courses each in both American and British literature. No more than 6 of the minimum 24 credits in English required for admission may be in writing courses, including freshman composition.

Requirements for Certification

- ENG 504—The Teaching of Writing
- ENG 505—Applied English Linguistics
- ENG 510—History of the English Language
- EDU 490—English in the Secondary School
- EDU 452—Secondary School Student Teaching
- EDU 453—Student Teaching Seminar
- RDG 565—Reading Development in the Secondary School
- PSY 370—Educational Psychology



- SED 482—Teaching Exceptional Students
- SHE 203—School Health
- EDU 497 or 498 (Choose One)
- EDF 520–524, 526 (Choose One)

Requirements for the Master of Science Degree

- ENG 517—Research Methods and Critical Theory
- Four additional electives in English studies.

Certification in English (39 credits) is designed for students seeking certification to teach English in the secondary school.

Requirements

- EDU 490—English in the Secondary School
- EDU 452—Secondary School Teaching
- EDU 453—Student Teaching Seminar
- PSY 370—Educational Psychology
- EDF 520–524, 526 (Choose One)
- SED 482—Teaching Exceptional Students
- SHE 203—School Health
- One course in each of the following areas: advanced composition, English grammar systems, history of the English language, young adult literature, and reading in the secondary school.



program and a minimum of 24 credits in English for the M.S. and certification programs, all with a grade point average of 3.2 or higher.

- Have an overall average of 3.0 or higher for all programs. If you do not meet this requirement, consult the English Department Graduate Coordinator.
- Candidates for teacher certification must have completed two courses in American literature and two courses in British literature, and no more than 6 of their minimum 24 credits in writing classes.

How to Apply

Applicants should consult with the English Department Graduate Coordinator or the Secondary Education Coordinator to begin the process of application. They should then do the following:

- Fill out the Graduate School application form, which can be found at www.gradstudies.SouthernCT.edu. The School of Graduate Studies will also mail an application to you upon request. Complete the application form and enclose a \$50 check made payable to SCSU. Mail form and check to:

Dean, School of Graduate Studies
Southern Connecticut State University
501 Crescent Street
New Haven, CT 06515-1355

- Request two copies of official transcripts from all previously attended undergraduate and graduate colleges be sent to the Graduate School office.

In addition, candidates for admission to the English department must submit the following:

- A typed 500-word state of purpose explaining why they wish to enter the program.
- A four-to-five page writing sample (academic or professional non-fiction prose).
- Two letters of recommendation.

These materials should be sent directly to the appropriate English Department coordinator. Finally, candidates should schedule an appointment with that coordinator to plan a formal program of study. Although the English department has rolling admissions throughout the year, including the summer, candidates are encouraged to apply by May 1 for the fall semester and by December 1 for the spring semester to assure admission for that semester.



Awards and Financial Aid

- Each year the English Department offers three to four Graduate Teaching Assistantships. For further information, click on <http://www.SouthernCT.edu/departments/english/gta.html>
- The Roger Blood Scholarship is awarded annually to assist an incoming graduate student in English studies, with preference given to someone 35 years of age or older.
- The Financial Aid Office, located in the Wintergreen Building, oversees financial aid to graduate students of all income levels. For further information, call (203) 392-5222.

Admission Requirements

To be accepted into one of the graduate programs in the English Department, an applicant must:

- Meet the general admissions requirements of the School of Graduate Studies.
- Have completed a minimum of 30 credits in English for the M.A.

Faculty

Our graduate faculty consists of more than 30 full-time professors with a number of different academic specialties. They have published extensively, but they are recognized especially for their skills as teachers and for their concern for their students.



Careers for English Majors

By the time most English majors consider graduate school, they generally know what career paths they intend to pursue, but some do not. Although many are interested in teaching at either the college or secondary level, English majors possess general communication, organizational, and managerial skills that help them to advance in a number of other areas that they find appealing. Professions that have traditionally attracted our graduate students include technical writing, business, advertising, public relations, government service, publishing, and law. For more information about teaching and other professional opportunities, consult our career site on our graduate web page at <http://www.SouthernCT.edu/departments/english/englishhome.html>

Contact Information

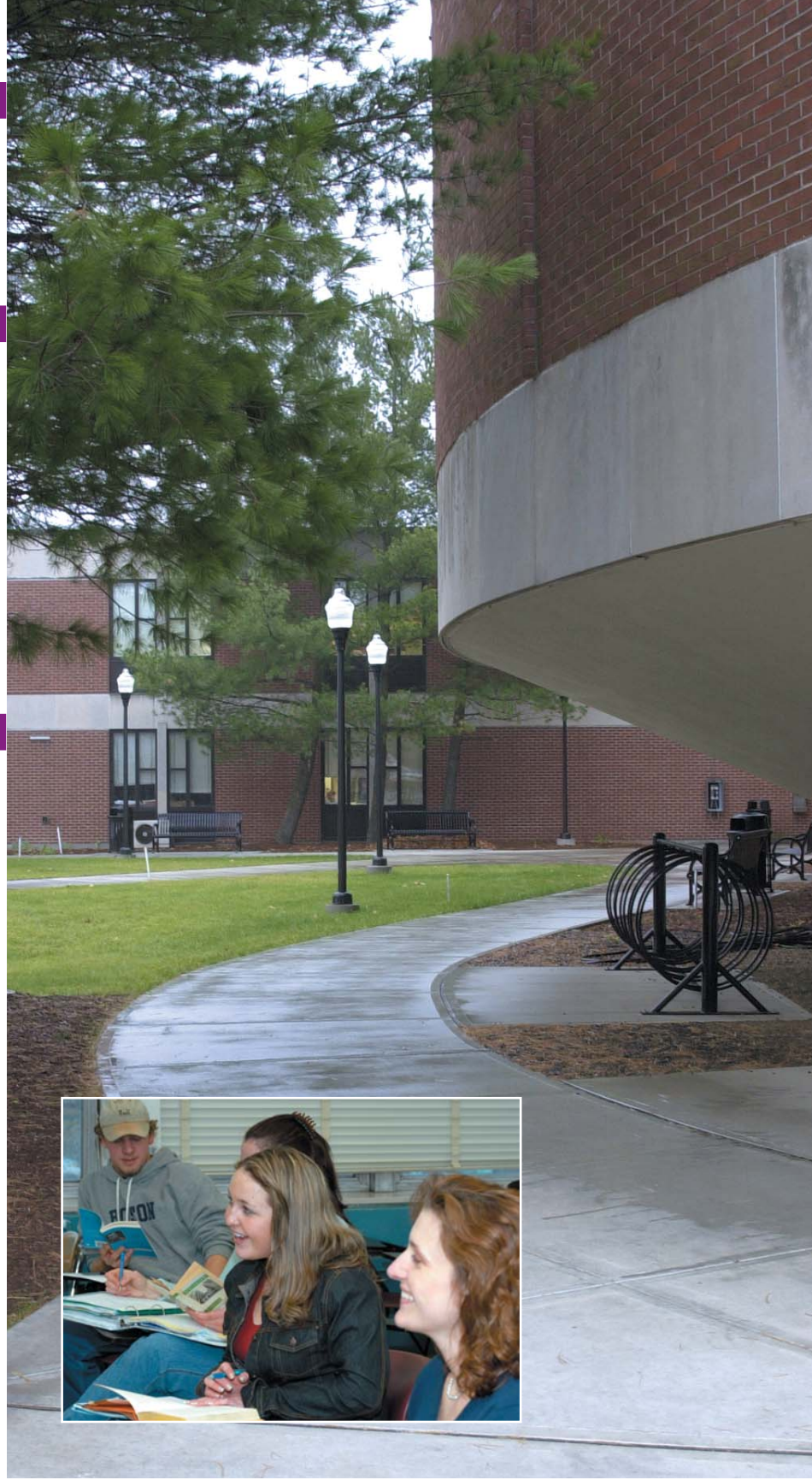
Visit the English Department's graduate program Web site at <http://www.SouthernCT.edu/departments/english/graduatepage.htm> or contact

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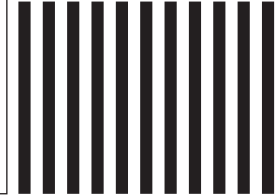
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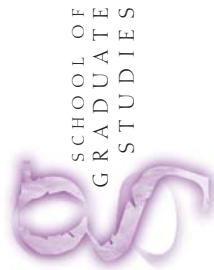
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Please send:

Application materials for graduate programs in the English Department

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The schedule of courses for the up-coming semester

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