

CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

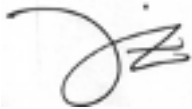
APPROVAL PAGE

Proposal Title: New Fast Track Program for Consolidated MA in English Studies

College: Liberal Arts **Department:** English

DEPARTMENT CHAIR- Joe Ortiz

I have read the enclosed proposal and approve this proposal on behalf of the department.



January 21, 2025

Signature

Date

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR – Selfa Chew-Melendez

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college curriculum committee.

Signature

Date

COLLEGE DEAN – Anadeli Bencomo

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college. I certify that the necessary funds will be allocated by the college in support of this proposal.

Signature

Date

CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

Date: January 17, 2025

From: Marion Rohrleitner, English

Through: Joe Ortiz, Chair, English

Through: Selfa Chew-Melendez, Chair, Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee

Through: Anadeli Bencomo, Liberal Arts

To: Annie C. Tremblay, Chair, Graduate Council

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Select the proposal content (select as many as apply) and provide the rationale.

Content

- New program or Program Change
- Bachelor's
 - Master's
 - Doctoral/Professional
 - Certificate
 - Fast Track
 - Minor
 - Concentration/Track
- New Course
- Closure (program, certificate, minor, concentration)
- Change
- CIP Code
 - Program/certificate SCH
 - Course Title
 - Course Description
 - Graduate Program Admission Requirements

Rationale

The Department of English is in the process of combining the MA in English and American Literature, MA in Rhetoric and Writing Studies, and MAT in Teaching English into a consolidated MA in English Studies. As such, we propose **closing the current Fast Track programs in English and American Literature and Rhetoric and Writing Studies** and **starting a new Fast Track program for the MA in English Studies**.

Any undergraduate students currently enrolled through Fast Track will be able to complete their undergraduate degree and be enrolled in the new MA in English Studies.

The MA in English and American Literature has seen strong Fast Track enrollment numbers in recent years. The new Fast Track for the MA in English Studies will offer an opportunity to recruit more preservice teachers (BA in English) and students interested in professional and technical writing (Minor in English: Rhetoric/Writing Studies) into the MA program.

Fast-Track Program Request

1. Indicate the undergraduate and graduate academic programs in the college that agree to participate in the dual credit program.
2. Undergraduate students in the program must have successfully completed at least 90 hours of undergraduate coursework toward their major with a minimum of 24 of those hours at UTEP, and must have and maintain an undergraduate GPA equal or greater than 3.30/4.00.
3. Each participating graduate academic program must determine which 5000 level courses will be included in the fast track program, and each participating undergraduate academic program must determine which 5000 level courses will count toward the undergraduate degree.

College: **Liberal Arts**

Graduate Degree: **MA in English Studies**

Undergraduate Degree: **BA in English; BA in English and American Literature; Minor in English: Rhetoric/Writing Studies**

Program Admission Requirements:

Minimum GPA (3.30/4.00 or higher): **3.5**

Maximum Number of Graduate Credit Hours Allowed (up to 15 hours): **15**

Other:

Graduate Course Inventory Approved for Dual Credit

Course Prefix & No. **ENGL 5300**
Title: **Introduction to English Studies**

Course Prefix & No. **ENGL 5320**
Title: **Critical Theory and Practice**

Course Prefix & No. **ENGL 5323**
Multi-Cult Lit: Theory & Pract

Course Prefix & No. **ENGL 5324**

Multi-Cult Lit: Special Topics

Course Prefix & No. **RWS 5309**

Title: **Foundations in Rhetoric and Writing Studies**

Course Prefix & No. **RWS 5311**

Title: **Persuasion and Argument**

Course Prefix & No. **RWS 5312**

Technical Writing

Course Prefix & No. **RWS 5313**

Grant Writing

Course Prefix & No. **RWS 5314**

Multimodal Composing

Course Prefix & No. **RWS 5315**

Prof Writing & Rhetoric

Acceptance into the Graduate Program

Students in this Fast Track program are automatically accepted into this graduate program upon accepted application to the FT program.

Students in this Fast Track program need to meet the following additional requirements to be accepted to this graduate program: