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**Program Modification Form**

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1. **Contact Person** (Name, Email Address, Phone Number)

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1. **Proposed Change** (for undergraduate curricular changes please provide an 8-semester plan (appendix A), if applicable)
2. Modify requirements of the MA and MSE in English: Add comment about deficient grades.
3. Modify requirements of the MA in English: Add clarification regarding registration for thesis hours and correct foreign language requirements.

3.Modify requirements of the MSE in English: Add statement about graduate course numbering to match that of MA.

1. **Effective Date**

Fall 2020

1. **Justification –** *Please provide details as to why this change is necessary.*

Adding a comment about deficient grades brings the Bulletin in line with expectations expressed elsewhere, for maximal clarity. The foreign language requirement has been updated to remove obsolete information.

**Bulletin Changes**

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| **Instructions** |
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**Program of Study for the Master of Arts in English Degree**

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Students seeking admission into the Master of Arts in English must meet the admission require- ments of Graduate Programs and the specific program requirements.

Applicants must hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited four-year institution with the appropriate undergraduate background in the field of the proposed academic emphasis and a grade point average of 3.00 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate work, or a 2.75 average on all undergradu- ate work (A-4, B-3, C-2, D-1, F-0). The appropriate undergraduate background must include a minimum of 18 semester hours of coursework, exclusive of any basic education courses, in the proposed field of the graduate major. All courses attempted, including any repeated courses, are considered in the computation of the grade point average.

Students who do not meet the requirements as stated above may be granted admission at the master’s degree level provided they have a grade point average of 2.50 overall or a 2.75 average on the last 60 hours.

1. Applicants for admission to the master’s degree program who have not completed the appropriate undergraduate background will be assessed under graduate course deficiencies.
2. Applicants from an unaccredited college, who have satisfactory grades and a satisfactory undergraduate program, may be admitted with an entrance condition of 12 semester hours.

Newly admitted students must take a preliminary examination immediately after completing six to nine hours of graduate course work. This preliminary examination is a proctored, impromptu written explication of a relatively brief poem or prose passage, the text of which will be presented to the student at the time of the examination. Students will have two hours in which to write this explication, which will be administered once each semester during the regular academic year and graded by a three-member committee. For information on the exam schedule, contact the graduate adviser.

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###### ADDITIONAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

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The foreign language requirement must be met before the comprehensive examination can be

taken.

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