



ASSESSMENT

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English MA and MSE Program-Level Student Learning Outcomes

- **Content Knowledge**—A graduate with the M.A. in English will be able to demonstrate breadth of knowledge of major movements, themes, trends, and literary figures in British, American, and World literature.
- **Critical Thinking Skills**—A graduate with the M.A. in English will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the conventions of literary genres (fiction, poetry, non-fiction, drama, and their various subgenres) and be able to readily identify these conventions in close reading and analysis of diverse texts and to apply different critical and theoretical approaches to these works.
- **Analytical Skills**—A graduate with the M.A. in English will be able to demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of close reading, explication, and literary analysis.
- **Diversity**—A graduate with the M.A. in English will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the ways in which literary texts are written and received within diverse cultural and sociohistorical contexts, including global and multicultural perspectives.
- **Effective written and oral communication**—A graduate with the M.A. in English will develop and enhance effective interpersonal, oral and written communication skills demonstrated through analysis of literary texts.
- **Research competence**—A graduate with the M.A. in English will be able to synthesize various primary and secondary sources in support of a persuasive and coherent analytical argument about texts and will work toward presenting and publishing their work in various scholarly forums.

