The English Department at Auburn University offers a flexible Masters of Arts degree with three available concentrations:

- **Literature**
- **Creative Writing**
- **Composition and Rhetoric**

**Foreign Language Requirement**

The MA student must demonstrate reading proficiency in one foreign language. Students may satisfy this requirement in French, German, Italian, Latin, Russian, Spanish, or any other language approved by the Coordinator of Graduate Studies. A student whose first language is not English may ask to have the CGS waive this requirement.

The student may demonstrate reading proficiency of a foreign language in one of three ways:

- By earning, within the last five years, at least a B in two undergraduate literature courses taught in a foreign language.
- By taking the foreign language proficiency exam given about the middle of each term.
- By taking a 3-hour pass/fail reading proficiency course in a foreign language taught by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature and earning a final grade of “S.” This course does not carry graduate credit.

**Portfolio/exam**

Requires significant research revision of work originally completed in courses taken for the MA under the supervision of the student’s graduate advisory committee.
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- English 7040 Composition: Issues and Approaches
- Pre-1800 Literature
- Post-1800 Literature
- English 7790 Literary Theory: Issues & Approaches OR
- English 7800: Studies in Literary Theory

**Creative Writing Course**

- English 7040 Composition: Issues and Approaches
- English 7130: Fiction Writing (repeat as needed; offered annually)
- English 7140: Poetry Writing (repeat as needed; offered biannually)

**Composition and Rhetoric Course**

- English 7040 Composition: Issues and Approaches
- English 7050: Studies in Composition
- English 7300: Rhetoric Theory and Practice

**Distribution Courses**

- Technical & Professional Communications course OR
- Linguistics course OR
- Comparative Literature course OR
- Genre course OR
- Author course
- Technology and Culture course OR
- Globalism course OR
- Sustainability course OR
- Diversity course

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- Linguistics course OR
- Rhetoric/Composition course
- Literature pre-1800
- Technology and Culture course OR
- Globalism course OR
- Sustainability course OR
- Diversity course

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