



MAJOR CHOSEN: MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

I. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE MAJOR

The Master of Arts degree in English provides advanced study in literary texts, periods, and backgrounds, and in literary and composition theory. It offers theoretical and practical instruction in the teaching of composition and of English as a second language. Its aim is to provide a solid foundation upon which the student can build in areas of special interest. It is intended as both preparation for further graduate training and as a terminal degree.

II. COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some of the courses in the program you will especially enjoy:

Literary Research provides an introduction to the tools and techniques of literary scholarship, including a survey of specialized fields of literary scholarship and experience using and compiling bibliographies.

Literary Theory: The Tradition In this course you will study major texts of literary theory from Plato to Eliot.

Classes surveying major periods in American and British literature such as:

Sixteenth Century Literature - English literature from 1485 to 1603 inclusive of Shakespeare

Eighteenth Century Literature - British literature from 1688 to 1789

American Romantic Literature - American literature from 1820 to 1865

Classes focusing on more specialized topics within major periods in American and British literature such as:

The Later Renaissance - Studies in English literature from 1603 to 1688

Victorianism - Studies in British literature from 1832 to 1914



Colonial and Revolutionary Writers - Studies in American literature from the beginnings of America to 1820

American Realism - Studies in American literature from 1865 to 1914

III. AN OUTLINE OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Structure of Modern English	3	History of the English Language	3
Literary Research	3	Writing Theory	3
English Studies Elective.....	3	500- or 600-level English Elective.....	3
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Total	15	Total	15

IV. ABOUT THE FACULTY

Dr. Grace (Collins) Hargis chairs the Departments of Linguistics and has taught at BJU for over 40 years. Her teaching areas include the structure of the English language, descriptive and applied linguistics, and teaching English as a second language. Dr. Hargis speaks on topics in English education at Christian educators' conventions. She also directs and teaches in the Missionary Linguistics Program, offered at BJU in June and July of even-numbered years. Her publications include an English handbook for grades 9-12, teacher's editions of *The Scarlet Letter*, *The Red Badge of Courage*, *The Pilgrim's Progress*, and *Writing from Research*.

Dr. Ronald Horton chairs the Department of Philosophy in the College of Arts and Science. He holds memberships in the *Modern Language Association*, the *South Atlantic Modern Language Association*, the *Southeastern Renaissance Conference*, the *Renaissance Society of America*, the *Shakespeare Association of America*, and the *Association of Literary Scholars and Critics*. He has served as president and vice-president of the *South Carolina Association of Departments of English*. Dr. Horton was a contributing author to the *Spenser Encyclopedia* and also has served as an author for the Bob Jones University Press. He was a 1970 recipient of the *Folger Shakespeare Library Summer Fellowship*. His manuscript, *The Unity of 'The Faerie Queene'*, was selected for the *South Atlantic Modern Language Association* award. The award included publication of the manuscript by the University of Georgia.

Dr. Bruce Rose chairs the Department of English and has taught at BJU for over 10 years. He is a member of the *Modern Language Association* and the *American Society for Eighteenth-Century Study*. Dr. Rose specializes in British and American literature of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and has recently taught graduate courses on *Religious Poetry of the Seventeenth Century*, *The Rise of the Novel*, and *The Circle of Johnson*. He is especially interested in research involving popular religious writing in the eighteenth century and the digitizing of literary texts.



Dr. Raymond St. John is chairman of the division of English Language and Literature in the College of Arts and Science. He has served since 1965 in the English and PWP departments, where he directed freshman English until 2006 in addition to serving on the graduate school faculty. Dr. St. John is a member of the *Nathaniel Hawthorne* and *Stephen Crane* societies and has held membership in the *Society for Technical Communication*. He has served as president and vice-president of the *South Carolina Association of Departments of English*. He has authored under the auspices of Bob Jones University Press two textbooks, *American Literature for Christian Schools* and *Explorations in Literature*, which are widely used across the United States. Over sixty of his freelance articles and stories have been published.

All together, these and the other faculty teaching in the Division of Graduate Studies in the College of Arts and Science have over 150 combined years of experience teaching. You will not find a better, more experienced faculty in the country.

V. FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND OPPORTUNITIES

Completely equipped computer laboratories are available for your use. There are many academic computer labs conveniently located all over campus. They consist of various types of PCs, Apple PowerMacs, and laser printers and are all interconnected via a Novell computer network.

Because of our care and concern for the spiritual as well as the physical needs of the people in our part of the country, students are encouraged to be involved in outreach ministries in our area. While you are here you will have the opportunity to participate in as many of these ministries as you can fit into your schedule. These opportunities vary from work in nursing homes, jails, detention centers, and churches, to visitation, Bible clubs, providing special music, and martial arts teams.

Davis Field House, with over 87,000 square feet and seating for 3,000 people, contains 4 full-sized courts; auxiliary courts; indoor and outdoor tracks; swimming pool; café; and a fitness center with fully-equipped exercise room, aerobic room, sauna, and whirlpool.

The Mack Library, with 90,000 square feet of floor space and seating for over 1,300 students, gives you access to 294,000 volumes, 1,100 current periodical subscriptions, and more than 17,000 music, speech, and language recordings. Mack Library offers access to over 65 electronic databases on the library web site. An interlibrary loan program is available through OCLC, a national database, for books not held in our library.

Of special interest to students in the graduate program in English is the microfilm collection of *Early American Imprints* and the electronic access to *Oxford English Dictionary* and the *MLA International Bibliography*.

Other prominent features include the Jerusalem Chamber, a replica of the room in Westminster Abbey in London in which work was done on the 1611 King James Bible, and the University Archives Room, which displays materials about the Founder and history of the University.



If you are planning to live on campus, you will be glad to know that all of our residence halls are air-conditioned, have wall-to-wall carpeting, and have a phone in each room. You will be able to make long-distance calls directly from your room and have them automatically placed on your school bill. Computer network connectivity is available in all residence halls, as well.

All of our classrooms are air-conditioned, and there are awnings over the sidewalks to keep you dry when it is raining. The Dining Common serves 8,500 delicious meals a day, and the Snack Shop and Bookstore in the Student Center carry just about anything you'll need.

If you are planning to live off campus, our **Office of Student Services** would be glad to assist you in finding employment and housing. This office also has a Notary Public, driver's license information, car registration information, and tax forms for most states. You may request information by writing them or by calling (864) 242-5100.

You will find your fellow graduate students equally as serious about their studies, and many of them will become your good friends. Also you will have many opportunities to make valuable professional contacts during your time at Bob Jones University.

VI. CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND PLACEMENT

The Career Development and Placement Office sponsors a Principals' Recruitment Conference each February. Approximately 140 administrators and principals from many states and some foreign countries gather to interview and hire new teachers for their schools. This Conference will give you many opportunities to find a place of service after you graduate. In addition, the Career Office maintains a file of miscellaneous information about various Christian schools across the country. This file, too, may provide you with a contact that could lead to many years of active service for the Lord.

VII. BJU: AN AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

Enclosed is an expense sheet detailing the cost of attending Bob Jones University. When you compare our charges to those of other private colleges, we think you will be pleasantly surprised. We believe we offer a student more value for his dollar than anyone else in America.