



PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS OVERVIEW
Award: Graduate Certificate
Program of Study: Rhetoric and Literary Studies

About This Certificate . . .

The Colorado Mesa University Graduate Certificate in Rhetoric and Literary Studies is a dynamic program designed to meet the needs of education professionals who desire to teach lower-division college English courses in high school or higher education but who don't have the necessary graduate credits to do so. The certificate is awarded after successful completion of 18 credit hours in graduate coursework in English, and the program is designed to provide students with more advanced knowledge in composition and rhetoric, literary theory, linguistics, creative writing, and American and British literature.

All CMU program completers are expected to demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking, communication fluency, quantitative fluency, and specialized knowledge/applied learning. In addition to these campus-wide student learning outcomes, all recipients of a Rhetoric and Literary Studies Graduate Certificate will be able to:

1. Contribute to scholarly advancement in composition/rhetoric, linguistics, creative writing and literary studies by completing projects individually and collaboratively. (Specialized Knowledge/Applied Learning)
2. Generate oral and written communication based on sound theories of composition/rhetoric, linguistics, creative writing and literary studies. (Communication Fluency)
3. Formulate hypotheses related to research problems, issues, and concepts in the fields of composition/rhetoric, linguistics, creative writing and literary studies. (Critical Thinking)
4. Synthesize information from a base of scholarly resources related to composition/rhetoric, linguistics, creative writing and literary studies. (Information Literacy)
5. Evaluate moral, ethical, legal, or professional challenges in the disciplines of composition/rhetoric, linguistics, creative writing and literary studies. (Ethical Reasoning)

Requirements:

- A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college is required, prior to beginning the program
- A fully completed Application for Admission to Graduate Programs including official transcripts is required prior to beginning the program
- Applicants must also submit to the English Department a Letter of Intent of no fewer than 1000 words that provides information about the students' background, interests, and inspirations, including how they relate to the Graduate Certificate in Rhetoric and Literary Studies
- No class grade lower than a "B" will be counted towards the certificate
- For additional information on applicable policies, please refer to the Graduate Policies and Procedures Manual

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE: Rhetoric and Literary Studies (18 semester hours)

Course No Title Sem.hrs Grade Term

Required Courses (18 credits)

ENGL 521	Seminar in Literary Theory	3	_____	_____
ENGL 543	Language Systems and Linguistic Diversity	3	_____	_____
ENGL 550	Studies in Creative Writing	3	_____	_____
ENGL 554	Topics in British and Commonwealth Literature	3	_____	_____
ENGL 561	Topics in American Literature	3	_____	_____
ENGL 586	Seminar in Rhetoric and Composition	3	_____	_____

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCING FOR A
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN RHETORIC AND LITERARY STUDIES**

This is a recommended sequence of course work. Certain courses may have prerequisites or are only offered during the Fall or Spring semesters. It is the student's responsibility to meet with the assigned advisor and check the two year course matrix on the CMU website for course availability.

FIRST YEAR

Summer Semester		Hours	Fall Semester		Hours	Hours
ENGL586	Seminar in Rhetoric and Composition	<u>3</u>	ENGL 521	Seminar in Literary Theory	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
		# credits 3			# credits 3	

Spring Semester		Hours
ENGL 554	Topics in British and Commonwealth Literature	<u>3</u>
		# credits 3

SECOND YEAR

Summer Semester		Hours	Fall Semester		Hours	Hours
ENGL 550	Studies in Creative Writing	<u>3</u>	ENGL 561	Topics in American Literature	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
		# credits 3			# credits 3	

Spring Semester		Hours
ENGL 543	Language Systems and Linguistic Diversity	<u>3</u>
		# credits 3