## **Department of English**

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The Master of Art in English focuses on writing, teaching, and literary studies. Serious intellectual work takes place in the landscape of the Northern Rocky Mountains and Yellowstone region. Students develop close mentoring relationships with faculty members who have expertise in fields such as British Literature, education and pedagogy, literature of the American West, and Writing Studies. Students may elect to write either a scholarly thesis (Plan A) or a professional paper (Plan B) in our two-year program.

Students' interests for earning the degree varies. The MA in English can prepare students to go on to PhD programs in literature or writing studies, as well as MFA programs in creative writing. Students also go on to teach in secondary education and higher education, work in the business sector, and work for non-profit agencies. Others pursue the degree for personal enrichment.

The department awards up to six teaching assistantships to our top applicants each year.

## Admission\*

For the most up to date application information and faculty contacts, please visit the department webpage:http://www.montana.edu/english/grad/apply.html. (http://www.montana.edu/english/grad/apply.html)

## **Financial Assistance**

Graduate students may apply for departmental teaching assistantships, which are awarded on a competitive basis. To apply for an assistantship, discuss your interest in teaching in the personal essay you will submit as part of your application packet.

## **Graduate Program**

- M.A. in English (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/letters-science/english/ma-english/)
- M.A. in English Education (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/letters-science/english/ma-english-education/)