

# M.A. in English Education

The **Masters of Arts in English Education (MAEE)** is an online graduate program that focuses on pedagogical content knowledge within English Education and literacy. The online modality encourages candidates to engage in graduate studies while teaching in their classrooms; we recognize the busy lives of professionals and build schedules and a community that respects them. Candidates interested in a more traditional graduate experience, on the Bozeman campus, are welcome to attend select seminars in person.

MAEE coursework encourages exploration of the literacies and identities that adolescents and young adults bring to the English classroom; provides space to examine and create literacy curriculum; and troubles discourses that present a challenge to creating equitable and inclusive learning opportunities. We position teachers as public intellectuals who work in complex classroom ecologies; collectively, we examine how English/literacy teachers work in educational settings and incorporate opportunities to engage with critical teaching perspectives and interrogate place.

Additionally, the Yellowstone Writing Project (<https://www.yellowstonewriting.com/>)—which continues to attract master teachers from across Montana—is an encouraged component to further immerse MAEE students in their own writing and study of writing/writing communities.

The MAEE supports graduate students who are interested in participating in a scholarly community committed to intensive professional development and improving the education of and life opportunities for middle and high school students. MAEE students have the opportunity to explore general issues related to practices and policies within the academic field of English Education, take relevant courses within the English department (i.e., literary studies, rhetoric/composition, and linguistics), and potentially take courses outside of the English department (e.g., Native American Studies and Education), and develop and inquire into a particular area of interest related to their teaching contexts and responsibilities.

The Master of Arts in English Education (MAEE) degree requires **30 credits**. All graduate courses offered through the English Department can be accessed remotely through online courses and/or remote seminars. MAEE students local to the Bozeman area are welcome to attend select seminars in person.

MAEE students build a degree plan consisting of required courses (12 credits), electives (8-12 credits), and a culminating degree project (a scholarly thesis, 10 credits, or a professional paper, 6 credits). MAEE advisors assist graduate students in developing their degree plan to ensure that the students' coursework and culminating project enhance their knowledge and teaching practices as well as build and sustain their research interests.

Students enrolled in the MA in English Education program take four required, online courses, for a total of 12 credits. These four courses embed classroom-based research projects; create space for teachers to innovate their classrooms and be leaders in the field; and stretch across the domains of English and literacy teachers: the teaching and learning of literature, writing, linguistics, Literacies, interactions, and place. Students select elective courses (8-12 credits).

## MAEE Required Courses

ENGL 560	Foundations of English Education	3
ENGL 561	Introduction to Research in English and Literacy Studies	3
ENGL 562	Place-based English and Literacy Curriculum	3
ENGL 563	Topics in Teaching English Language Arts and Literacy in the Middle/High School	3
ENGL 575 or ENGL 590	Professional Paper Master's Thesis	6-10

## Elective Courses

Electives (Students enrolled in the MA in English are encouraged to take electives in addition to those listed below, including courses ENGL 562 and ENGL 563 from the MAE:EE Option); the Yellowstone Writing Project's Advanced Institute; 400-level courses in the English Department; and approved graduate courses from other departments, such as American Studies, History and Native American Studies.)

Elective Courses		8-12
ENGL 510	Studies in Critical Theory	
ENGL 530	Writing Theory and Practice	
ENGL 550	Focused Research Seminar	
ENGL 585	Multimodal Literacy Workshops in PK-16 Classrooms	
ENGL 591	Special Topics	