

MASTER OF ARTS ENGLISH

Earn your MA in English from San José State University!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The MA program is 30 units and provides students with a broad knowledge of literary history, hones writing and analytical skills, and offers training in both professional literary research and the teaching of writing.



WHY SJSU?

- Discover a wide range of literatures through coursework and a culminating experience
- Explore Silicon Valley and the Bay Area
- Interact with contemporary authors through the Center for Literary Arts
- Train as an instructor in our Teaching Associate Program



"The MA program at SJSU both welcomed me and challenged me. I found a community of friends and colleagues that I am part of to this day, and it taught me a pivotal lesson from academia, pedagogy and life: the importance of good writing."

-Sara Cook, university lecturer

OPPORTUNITIES

- Help edit Reed Magazine, the oldest literary journal west of the Mississippi
- Earn a certificate in Career and Technical Writing
- Receive professional training in the Graduate Assistant and Teaching Associate programs
- Explore the Steinbeck Center, the greatest repository of works on the writings and life of John Steinbeck in the world
- Take classes in the MFA program to explore literary creation while you master literary analysis.

COURSES

Graduate-level courses are offered one day a week in the evenings (starting at 4 pm or 7 pm) so that they fit well with the schedules of working adults.

Classes cover a wide range of topics, and small class sizes ensure that professors can provide students with substantial feedback.

ALUMNI

Graduates from our MA Program enter PhD programs, obtain teaching jobs at the secondary and collegiate levels, and work in publishing and professional writing.

PhD programs: MA alumni have pursued doctoral degrees at UCLA, UC Santa Cruz, UC Davis, UC Santa Barbara, UC Riverside, Stanford, the University of Washington, the University of Buffalo, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Chicago.

Teaching: Our alumni teach at public and private secondary schools, community colleges, and universities. Some Teaching Assistants become lecturers for the SJSU English department.

Other careers: Alumni make good use of their impressive writing skills in a variety of publishing and public relations positions, including lucrative careers in professional writing for the tech industry.



"The MA program taught me valuable analytical skills and gave me the knowledge I needed to feel like a young scholar, which in turn gave me the confidence to apply for and get into a PhD program"

-Dr. David Coad, Assistant Teaching Professor at Santa Clara University

"The MA program gave me the opportunity to deepen the understandings I had gained during my undergraduate work, and my TAschip gave me an appreciation of language that has helped me in every aspect of my job in the tech world."

-Crystle Bruno, Business Operations Director for a Silicon Valley tech firm

Curious to learn more? Contact Us!

For information about English and Comparative Literature at SJSU, contact MA program coordinator Allison Johnson at allison.johnson@sjsu.edu.

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