



General TAMIU Information

TAMIU's campus represents more than a \$170 million investment in new facilities. You will take courses on the first new campus in Texas in over 20 years.

Our campus is situated in the heart of South Texas along the U.S.-Mexico border which affords you immense opportunities for international, comparative, and developmental studies. You will study in our new state-of-the-art classrooms and facilities.

Our classrooms and facilities incorporate the latest trends in the evolving Internet and information exchange. On-campus housing facilities are also wired for high-speed free Internet. Ten computer labs help assure that you will work in an environment where the student-to-computer ratio is 10 to 1.

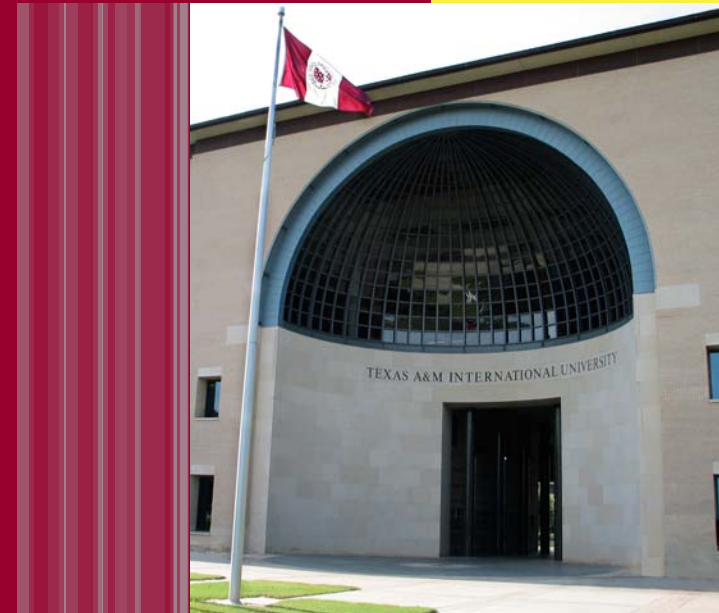
You can also work in our modern media center to make multi-media and audio-video presentations while the University's Computer and Telecommunications Services department offers you extensive technology training.

Another essential element in your graduate study at TAMIU is the Sue and Radcliffe Killam Library, the cornerstone of our on-campus support centers, which recently completed a \$4.5 million addition to its collection.

How Do I Apply?

- Complete and submit University application to the Office of Admissions and submit undergraduate transcripts to the Registrar's Office.
- Download an applications at <http://www.tamtu.edu/coas/gradstudies>
- Submit undergraduate transcripts to the Director of Graduate Studies.
- Have official GRE test scores sent directly from ETS.
- International students must also submit adequate TOEFL scores and financial documentation.
- Spring application deadline is November 1; Fall application deadline is April 1.

TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES



MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

For more detailed information including program costs and courses, please visit or call:

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Master of Arts in English

About Our Program

The Master of Arts (MA) program in English is carefully designed to broaden and deepen your knowledge of literature and language, refine your analytical and critical thinking skills, polish your writing to professional standards, and vastly improve your career options. The English faculty strongly believes that the study of English literature, language and writing can be both intellectually fulfilling and highly practical. Our program emphasizes applications of theory to enhance both teaching and research.

For the MA in English, you can choose between the 'Thesis Plan' and the 'Non-Thesis Plan,' which requires you to complete 30 or 36 credit hours, respectively. There are only two required courses, one in Research and Criticism and the other in Language Studies. Otherwise, you are invited to choose six or seven courses from an offering of over 35 courses, ranging in topics such as major authors, comparative linguistics, as well as current issues in teaching English.

Our program offers you a customized plan of studies that focuses on the various genres of literature and an opportunity to teach English Language Learners with a variety of skill levels. Classes are small, allowing you to receive individual attention, and graduate professors are strong and positive mentors, who will guide you throughout your coursework and beyond.

Why Should You Come Here?

Texas A&M International University offers you a distinctive environment for graduate work in English and valuable, practical experience teaching native and near-native speakers of English. The Department of Language and Literature sponsors an attractive slate of activities in which you can take an active role. The English honor society, which actively promotes literacy throughout the Laredo community, welcomes graduate student participation. Similarly,

the literary magazine *Reflections* offers students publication opportunities. We also have a Writing Center that offers tutorial services to the entire campus, as well as job opportunities for graduate students.



"Graduate School at Texas A&M International University was a phenomenal experience. The student/teacher ratio is so low, that for the first time in my academic career, I felt that the professors actually knew me.

"Aside from that, Killam Library is home to hundreds of journals, online and in print, which made finding research quite simple. I am glad to have obtained my graduate degree from TAMIU; it is by far one of the highlights of my life."

Bernabe (BG) Gutierrez
MA English 2000

About Our Faculty

Our full time faculty members have doctorates in all specialty areas of English, such as Old and Middle English, British and American Literature, Film, Creative Writing, Children's and Young Adult Literature, and Linguistics. They are nationally and internationally recognized and have active research agendas. Moreover, they are committed to providing the highest standards in the classroom and to preparing future scholars, teachers and practitioners.

Graduate Assistantships

A limited number of merit-based graduate assistantships are available each year to students interested in working with faculty or administration in the Department of Language and Literature.

Careers

Besides becoming writers, teachers, or journalists, many English graduates go on to become lawyers and executives. Among law and medical schools, as well as employers, English graduates are known for their superior communication skills, analytical and critical thinking, and capacity for continuous learning and growth in a profession. Additionally, with AP high school English courses in high demand, the MA in English is becoming a necessity for secondary school English teachers.

Similarly, an MA in English is a minimum requirement for teaching college-level English and for entering a Ph.D. program in English. With the Articulation Agreement with Texas A&M University in College Station, the English MA becomes a crucial stepping stone if you are interested in pursuing a Ph.D. Our 'Thesis Plan' provides you not only with a strong foundation in English literature, language and culture, but also prepares you with the research and writing skills expected at the doctoral level. Upon acceptance into the English Ph.D. Program at College Station, you may begin your doctoral degree here at Texas A&M International University by taking up to 18 graduate credit hours beyond the MA degree. These credits will be transferable to Texas A&M University in College Station where you will finish your doctoral degree.

