

COMPOSITION (M.A.) - BIOGRAPHICAL WRITING

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2026 through summer 2027. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
Program Courses		
ENGL 570	Classical Rhetoric	3
ENGL 602	Methods and Materials of Research	3
ENGL 603	Literary Theory and Practice	3
ENGL 607	Composition Studies	3
ENGL 608	Modern Rhetoric	3
ENGL 654	Methods of Teaching Writing Across the Curriculum	3
<i>Composition Elective Courses</i>		
Choose two of the following courses:		6
COMS 554	Strategies and Tactics of Persuasion	
ENGL 601	Writing as Cultural Engagement	
ENGL 633	Advanced English Grammar	
PPOG 635	Speech Writing for Candidates and Officeholders	
WRIT 601	Grant Writing	
WRIT 610	Writing Fiction	
WRIT 612	Creative Nonfiction	
WRIT 633	Technical Writing	
Total Hours		24
Biographical Writing Cognate		
WRIT 607	Writing Biographies	3
WRIT 608	Writing Autobiographies	3
WRIT 609	Writing Memoirs	3
WRIT 652	Creative Nonfiction Workshop	3
Total Hours		12

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 36 hours
- A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- No more than two grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)
- No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)
- Degree must be completed within 5 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Online Format Course Sequence

First Year		
First Semester		Hours
ENGL 570	Classical Rhetoric	3
ENGL 602	Methods and Materials of Research	3
ENGL 603	Literary Theory and Practice	3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
ENGL 607	Composition Studies	3
ENGL 608	Modern Rhetoric	3
Composition Elective ¹		3
Hours		9
Second Year		
Third Semester		
ENGL 654	Methods of Teaching Writing Across the Curriculum	3
WRIT 607	Writing Biographies	3
WRIT 608	Writing Autobiographies	3
Hours		9
Fourth Semester		
Composition Elective ¹		3
WRIT 609	Writing Memoirs	3
WRIT 652	Creative Nonfiction Workshop	3
Hours		9
Total Hours		36

¹ Choose from the following courses for which prerequisites have been met: COMS 554, ENGL 601, ENGL 633, PPOG 635, WRIT 601, WRIT 610, WRIT 612, or WRIT 633.

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