



Valuable Mentorship, Flexible Options

Earn your Master of Arts degree in English in a program that offers a level of funding, instruction and individual attention usually reserved for doctoral programs. With small classes, a diverse research environment and expert mentorship from faculty, our program gives you the opportunity to develop your own interdisciplinary scholarship, present at national

and regional conferences, lead undergraduate composition classes as a teaching assistant or help shape departmental programs as a graduate assistant. You'll also find a strong sense of community and connection with faculty and students, within and beyond the classroom. We offer many evening courses so you can complete the program on a schedule that fits your needs.

Career Pathway

There are many pathways a Master of Arts in English can lead you, including careers in editing and writing, publishing, teaching, public relations, marketing and communications.

A master's degree can also open the door to doctoral programs in English or comparative literature, rhetoric and composition, digital humanities, law, theology or library science.

Degree Options

We offer two tracks for completion of the program in order to fit students' goals and interests:

- Research based project
- Comprehensive exam

Program Details

- Greeley Campus Delivery
- Credits Required: 33
- Time to Completion: 2 to 2.5 years
- Classes Start: Fall semester

Related Programs

- English Education, M.A.T.
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education, M.A.T.
- Literacy, M.A.

Cost and Value

Tuition rates are based on the 2021-22 Academic Year:

Colorado Resident Tuition: \$633 per credit hour plus fees.

Nonresident Tuition: \$1,185 per credit hour plus fees.

UNC is regularly called out as a top value for both resident and nonresident students, and the university offers financial aid packages for qualified students. For more information, visit [UNCO.EDU/COSTS](https://unco.edu/costs).

What Students Say

“As a first-generation college student, at first the idea of going to graduate school seemed intimidating and impossible. However, the M.A. program in English at UNC met my earnest desire to do the best work I could with efforts to help me get where I wanted to go. I was successful because I was guided through challenges by faculty who really did treat me like a junior colleague. My two years in the program allowed me to define my scholarship and professional identity, develop life-long relationships and prepared me to work on my Ph.D. I am now a Ph.D. student and instructor who has the chance to teach and mentor other first-generation students who think college is intimidating and impossible.”

—Jacob Ferrington, UNC graduate and current Ph.D. candidate, University of Kentucky

Financing your Education

UNC offers a variety of financial support options, including:

- Competitive teaching and graduate assistantships
- Colorado resident tuition for students from 15 western states is offered through the Western Regional Graduate Program. To see if you qualify visit [UNCO.EDU/GRADUATE-SCHOOL/FUNDING/WESTERN-REGIONAL-GRADUATE-PROGRAM.ASPX](https://unco.edu/graduate-school/funding/western-regional-graduate-program.aspx)

For more information contact Financial Aid at [UNCO.EDU/FINANCIAL-AID/](https://unco.edu/financial-aid/).

Faculty Spotlight

Graduate faculty in the English department are active researchers and scholars who keep up with the advances in our fields. We regularly present new work at national and international conferences, publish scholarly articles, book chapters, books and creative works, and bring new research and cutting-edge theories into the graduate seminars we teach. We bring speakers and special events to campus to augment your experience as a graduate student, and we hold social events throughout the semester so you can get to know your cohort and your faculty mentors. We believe in providing our graduate students a testing ground for new ideas and opportunities to grow as critical thinkers, collaborators, and leaders.

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About UNC Graduate School

The University of Northern Colorado, founded in 1889, is Colorado's right-sized doctoral research university, serving a diverse student body around the world. Given its size, program mix, and mission, UNC offers students the access and opportunities of a small college along with the nationally recognized programs, research funding and facilities that come with being a leading U.S. university. Students seeking preparation for a world (and workplace) full of opportunities and options, complexities and cultures, diversity and demands, will find faculty mentors and excited fellow students to engage with here at UNC.



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