Why The Citadel is Right for You
The Citadel is ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* (2016) as the No. 1 Public University in the South offering up to a master’s degree. Within the English Department at The Citadel, 100% of the faculty have Ph.D.s from such institutions as Duke, Brown, Emory, Vanderbilt, and UC-Berkeley, which assures that students obtain the knowledge, skills and ideas needed to gain a competitive advantage in their career.

Conveniently located on the banks of the Ashley River with easy access to I-26, I-526, and Highway 17, The Citadel Graduate College provides opportunities for higher education and professional development through our nationally accredited bachelor’s, master’s, and specialist degrees.

The Citadel is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accredits The Citadel to award bachelor’s, master’s, and specialist degrees.

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About the Program

In the M.A. in English program, you will:

- attend small classes with individualized instruction – offered at convenient times in the late afternoons and early evenings.
- be taught by a nationally recognized faculty, all of whom have Ph.D.s and all of whom have published widely in their academic fields.
- be able to conduct research under the mentorship of experienced professors.
- become proficient at critical analysis and a variety of different writing tasks.
- understand literary culture, both as it has evolved over time and as it continues to unfold today.

Most of all, you will learn to apply critical thinking skills, problem solving strategies, and enhanced writing abilities to either workplace assignments or as preparation for a career in education.

The benefits of individual attention in a small program may be self-evident, but The Citadel Graduate College offers the additional bonus of being located in Charleston, South Carolina – a living museum of history and the arts – with an ongoing literary culture that is both historically significant and currently blossoming with diversity and growth.

Such well known southern authors as Pat Conroy (The Prince of Tides) and PEN/Hemingway award-winner Josephine Humphreys (Rich in Love) have close ties to The Citadel. Current southern writers such as Mary Alice Monroe (Sweetgrass), William Baldwin (The Hard to Catch Mercy), Harlan Greene (Why We Never Danced the Charleston), and South Carolina Poet Laureate Marjory Wentworth have spoken in our classes.

Graduates of the program work in a wide variety of fields, from marketing and public relations to technical writing jobs, from real estate to sales and securities, from business and government to the legal profession. Others have gone on to doctoral studies at such research institutions as the University of Miami and the University of Louisville. Many, too, have won coveted positions at independent schools teaching English, communications, and related subjects.

Mission Statement

The Master of Arts in English provides advanced course work in British literature, American literature, English language, and composition and rhetoric. The program is designed to attract qualified holders of the baccalaureate degree, whether recent college graduates, English teachers, or others interested in pursuing graduate studies in English.

The M.A. in English is offered cooperatively with the College of Charleston. A Joint Program Committee, comprised of faculty members from each institution, oversees admissions, course scheduling, comprehensive examinations, degree certification, and other matters related to the management of the program. Diplomas and other official documents indicate that the program is a joint endeavor and include the names of both institutions.

Program Requirements

The M.A. in English requires students to complete 36 hours of graduate study with a cumulative GPA of 3.0. Please refer to The Citadel Graduate College catalog for a complete list of admission and program requirements.