

**Virginia Tech, Department of English**  
**Plan of Graduate Study: MA in English**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions for completing this form:**

Please consult the tentative course offerings sheet for information on upcoming courses. Please consult with your assigned faculty advisor in choosing courses and in choosing whether your capstone experience will be a thesis or independent study.

For sections I, II, & III, list the semester & year the course was or will be taken.

For section IV, list the semester & year the course was or will be taken, followed by the course number, the course title, and the course subtitle.

**Please complete this form at the end of your second semester of enrollment. Your advisor and the Director of Graduate Studies need to approve it.**

*Please note:* After the Plan of Study has been approved, **any changes require a "Plan of Study Change" form** to be approved by all members of your committee and submitted to the Graduate School.

**Degree Requirements**

All graduate students must complete a minimum of 36 semester hours, distributed as follows:

I. Introductory Courses (9 hours)

semester & year

\_\_\_\_\_ 5014 Introduction to Literary Research  
\_\_\_\_\_ 5024 Critical Theory in English Studies  
\_\_\_\_\_ 5074 Digital Humanities

II. Composition (6 hours); **GTA's only**

semester & year

\_\_\_\_\_ 5004 Theory & Practice in University Writing Instruction

III. Capstone Experience (3-6 hours)

Option A: Thesis (6 hours)

semester & year

\_\_\_\_\_ 5994 Research and Thesis  
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Option B: Independent Study (3 hours)

semester & year

\_\_\_\_\_ 5974 Independent Study

IV. **Major courses** (minimum 15 hours for GTAs and 21 hours for non-GTAs; add one course if you will choose the Independent Study for your capstone experience. Please see list A.

**Up to 6 hours of these courses may be from list B** (4000-level courses approved for graduate credit) **or from other departments or graduate transferred courses** (from other departments at Virginia Tech or from other universities).

semester & year	course number, title, and subtitle
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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**Undergraduate Courses**

4000-level courses approved for graduate credit (up to six hours)

semester & year	course number, title, and subtitle
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Graduate Transferred Courses**

Courses from other universities or other Virginia Tech departments (up to six hours)

semester & year	department/ university	course number, title, and subtitle
_____	_____	_____
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**Thesis or Independent Study Committee members** (if you know them now)

**Director** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reader** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reader** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signatures**

_____	Date	_____	Date
Student		Advisor	

_____	Date
Director of Graduate Studies	