ENGLISH MA GRADUATE PROGRAM
NON-DEGREE STUDENT INFORMATION

What is a “non-degree” student?
• A non-degree student is a student who has not yet entered a degree-granting program at UMass Boston.
• A student might want to take an English MA course as a non-degree student for several reasons, including exploring our graduate program, building a record of success for a future application, taking a course not offered by other institutions, or for personal enrichment.

Can I take an English MA course as a “non-degree” student?
• We admit a small number of well-qualified non-degree students into our courses each semester, if we have space available. Please note:
  • 1. You must be approved to enroll in a course by the English MA Graduate Program Director. You must submit the materials listed below; these materials demonstrate that you can succeed at graduate-level English work.
  • 2. After being approved, you can enroll in an English MA course if space is available. The English MA Office will work with you to determine what courses are available.

What must I submit for “non-degree” student approval?
• 1. The attached “Non-Degree Student Application Cover Sheet.”
• 2. Transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions. These can be unofficial copies.
• 3. A critical writing sample of 7-8 pages.

I’ve been approved as a “non-degree” student, what do I do next?
• You will receive notification of your approval from the English MA Office (via email or phone). You will be told: 1) the course in which you can enroll, 2) the date after which you can enroll (typically 3 weeks before the semester begins), and 3) when to stop by the English MA Office to pick up a signed course registration form.
• After picking up that form, you bring it over to the Registrar’s “One Stop” space in the Campus Center. You turn in the form and are then enrolled in the course.

Can I use a “non-degree” course to apply to the English MA Program?
• You can use non-degree coursework to build a record of success; your work can then become part of your application to our English MA Program.
• You must earn a grade of B+ or better for program consideration.
• If you plan to apply to our program, please make an appointment to talk with the English MA Program Director.

PLEASE CONTACT US!
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NON-DEGREE STUDENT APPLICATION
COVER SHEET

Name:

Email (preferred):

Phone (preferred):

Mailing Address:

Date of Application:

I am requesting enrollment for:  FALL 20_____  SPRING 20_____ 

I am most interested in these courses (list in rank order):

I am interested in taking a non-degree course because (offer a brief explanation):

Please mail us: 1) Transcripts from undergraduate and graduate institutions (unofficial copies are fine).
   2) A critical writing sample of 7-8 pages.

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