ENGLISH MA GRADUATE PROGRAM
QUICK FACTS

PROGRAM STRUCTURE
- Ten Courses (30 credits): nine 3-credit seminars + one 3-credit final exercise
- Course Load: full-time course load is two or three 3-credit seminars
- Two Years: typical time to degree is two years, but you can take longer/shorter
- Concentrations: select a literature, composition, or creative writing concentration; concentrations can be combined to create “intradisciplinary” work

SEMINAR COURSES
- Graduate-student only Seminars: all MA courses are roundtable seminars
- Small Size: all MA courses enroll only 12-16 graduate students
- Wide Variety: select from 14+ unique MA seminars per semester (32+ per year)

FINAL EXERCISE
- Final Exercise Topic: select a topic, typically a thesis connected to coursework
- Final Exercise Advisor: select a faculty advisor for one-on-one final exercise work

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES
- Teaching: you can earn initial licensure in middle/high school teaching
- Rare Books: you can take hands-on rare books courses at the Boston Public Library
- MFA Seminars: you can enroll in our MFA program’s “special topic” seminars
- Community Engagement: you can get involved in volunteering and internships
- Mini-courses: you can enroll in one-credit courses on career and research topics
- Conferences: you can present on research or teaching at UMass Boston conferences

ADMISSIONS
- Application to enroll for Fall Semester: priority deadline is March 1, with applications considered on an ongoing basis until the University’s June 1 deadline. For Spring Semester: applications considered on an ongoing basis until the University’s November 1 deadline.
- Application Materials: In addition to the general application requirements found at www.umb.edu/admissions/grad/apply, we require a personal statement, writing sample, and three recommendations.
- Application Submission: Go to: www.umb.edu/admissions/grad/apply
- If you plan to apply: please contact us for guidance with application process

ASSISTANTSHIPS
- Graduate Assistantships: teaching and research assistantships are available; please contact us for details and application instructions

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID
- Tuition and Fees: “Bursars Office” at www.umb.edu
- Financial Aid: “Financial Aid” at www.umb.edu
- Campus Employment: “Student Employment” at www.umb.edu

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