

**THESIS TRACK**  
**MA Literature Degree Requirements**

\_\_\_ Complete coursework requirements for Major:

- \_\_\_ Literary Scholarship (5301)
- \_\_\_ Medieval Literature (5353)
- \_\_\_ Renaissance Literature (5354)

Many courses can potentially fulfill the requirements below. Consult with Graduate Advisor, Dr. Lochman.

- \_\_\_ British Literature (post-Renaissance)
- \_\_\_ American Literature
- \_\_\_ English (i.e. any in English) Literature after 1660

\_\_\_ Complete 6 hours of coursework requirements for Minor/Area of Emphasis/Cognate. Include **course department and number**. [The minor can be within Literature, within English Studies (MARC or MATC), or from another department entirely (see Graduate College Minors: <https://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/students/minors.html>)

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\_\_\_ Complete Thesis Credits (start discussion of this with Graduate Advisor in second semester of program) [official Thesis deadlines can be found at: [gradcollege.txstate.edu/students/deadlines](https://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/students/deadlines)]

- \_\_\_ Consult with graduate advisor.
- \_\_\_ Obtain commitment of Thesis advisor
- \_\_\_ Enroll in 5399A by emailing Taylor Cortesi ([tc1224@txstate.edu](mailto:tc1224@txstate.edu)) with the name of your advisor, your student ID number, and the course number (5399A).
- \_\_\_ Complete Thesis proposal
- \_\_\_ Establish Thesis committee
- \_\_\_ Submit proposal and *Thesis Proposal Form* for approval by the Graduate Advisor/Program Director
- \_\_\_ Enroll in 5399B by emailing Taylor Cortesi ([tc1224@txstate.edu](mailto:tc1224@txstate.edu)) with the name of your advisor, your student ID number, and the course number (5399B).
  - If you are taking an additional semester of thesis, you may sign up for 5199B, 5399B, or 5999B. Check with the Graduate Advisor for the correct course number.
- \_\_\_ Submit complete draft of Thesis to committee by agreed upon deadline
- \_\_\_ Conduct Thesis defense with committee (date, time, and room reservation arranged by committee and student)
- \_\_\_ Submit a copy of your Thesis to the Graduate College with a signed *Thesis Submission Form*. Details can be found here: [gradcollege.txstate.edu/docs/Thesis\\_Diss\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/docs/Thesis_Diss_Guide.pdf)

\_\_\_ Complete both parts of Comprehensive Examination:

- \_\_\_ General Examination (all MA Lit students take this exam in the penultimate semester; 4 hours; written; offered the first Saturday in February, June, and October)
- \_\_\_ Thesis Defense (oral; completed by deadlines found here: [gradcollege.txstate.edu/students/deadlines](https://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/students/deadlines))