



## WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

### **Graduate Studies in English**

The graduate program in English at Washington State University supports students working toward advanced degrees at both the M.A. and Ph.D. levels. Students may elect to concentrate in Literary Studies or Rhetoric and Composition. The English Department also offers graduate certificates in Teaching English as a Second Language and Digital Humanities and Culture. Along with courses in English, students are free to take specialized seminars in related disciplines such as History, Women's Studies, Education, and Philosophy.

### **Funding**

WSU's English graduate program fully funds almost all of its M.A. and Ph.D. students. Students receive support in the form of a Teaching Assistantship, which comes with a full tuition waiver, health insurance, and a nine-month stipend. M.A. students are guaranteed funding for two years, and Ph.D. students for five years. We also provide students with annual funding for travel to conferences, and opportunities exist within the Department to work with our academic journals (*ESQ* and *Poe Studies*) and computer lab.

### **Teaching Opportunities**

Unlike other programs where new graduate students are given only a few weeks of training prior to teaching, WSU offers a full fall semester of English 101 teacher preparation before students become instructors of record in spring semester. The teaching load is two courses for the first year and three courses during subsequent years. Ph.D. students generally teach at least one advanced undergraduate and one online course during their course of study.

### **PhD Placement and Time to Degree**

Our time-to-degree for doctoral students is 4.4 years, significantly lower than the national average. Our job placement rate, meanwhile, is significantly higher than the national average. We place approximately 96% of our Ph.D.s in full-time academic positions in their first year on the market, 20% higher than the national average. Of these, 48% are tenure-track jobs, a figure that rises to 70% after only one year.

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