Master of Arts in Rhetoric and Composition (MARC)

The Master of Arts in Rhetoric and Composition program offers intensive study in composition theory and training in the teaching of writing and English studies at the college level. MARC is the only program in Texas specifically designed to emphasize training in multicultural composition instruction and rhetoric.

The MARC program is applicable to:

- Future teachers of college English courses.
- Current teachers of college English courses seeking to satisfy SACSCOC credentialing requirements.
- Local teachers seeking credentials to teach dual-credit English courses in Houston-area high schools.
- Students pursuing an academic career by seeking a foundation for a doctorate in rhetoric, compositions, or English studies.

About the Program

The Master of Arts in Rhetoric and Composition focuses on composition theory, writing assessment, rhetorical theory and history, and teaching writing to ESL students. Each of the courses are taught by nationally recognized faculty who have published research in well-known books and academic journals.

Graduates of the program will:

- Use rhetorical theory in the analysis and production of written communication.
- Identify and prepare strategies for teaching writing in a variety of environments for students with different cultural orientations, varying degrees of English language competence, and different levels of preparedness.
- Analyze discrete elements of written communication.
- Design and execute their own research projects in the fields of rhetoric and/or composition.

Salary Information

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the national average salary:

- Postsecondary Teachers [Professors]: $75,430
- Postsecondary Education Administrators: $90,760

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The MARC program requires a minimum of 33-hours, composed of:

- 9 hours of required courses
- 18 hours of elective courses
- 6 hours of thesis or additional elective courses

MARC courses are offered in the evenings and during the summer.

UHD Graduate Teaching Assistantships are available to graduate students who are in good standing (3.5 GPA), with at least 18 semester credit hours completed in the program, and a grade of B or higher in English 5327 (MARC Practicum).

**Affiliated Student Organizations**

**Institute for Plain English Research and Study (IPERS)** serves as a space for people to meet and discuss plain language guidelines, new regulations laws, and their effects on workplace communication.

**Sigma Tau Delta–Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter** is the UHD chapter of an International English Honors Society, which brings together students who have an interest in literature, culture and intellectual camaraderie.

For membership information, contact Dr. Katharine Jager at jagerk@uhd.edu.

**Career Options**

Graduates of the MARC program are qualified to teach writing and literature in colleges and universities, and dual-credit courses in Texas high schools.

UHD offers an 18-hour composition studies certificate, which can provide credentials needed to teach dual courses in Texas high schools or lower-division writing courses at local universities and community colleges*.

*Institutes of secondary education may require additional certification to teach in dual-credit settings.