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"I consider the time I spent at Texas Woman's University while I pursued a Master's Degree in English as one of the most productive and enlightening periods of my life. Everyone I came in contact with on the campus, from the Registrar's Office staff to the professors teaching the classes, was the epitome of professionalism and affability. I was very impressed with the level of instruction I received in my classes. The professors not only were well-skilled and enthusiastic in their presentations, but also they were genuinely interested in me as a student and as a person. I am proud that my graduate degree came from TWU. It has stood me in good stead in my own career as a teacher of Advanced Placement Literature in high school, and that is why I always recommend TWU to my senior students. I am confident that if they choose to attend TWU, they will receive an excellent education to prepare them for their careers and, indeed, their future lives."

Lois Stevenson, MA 2003

"My graduate experience in English at TWU prepared me for my work as an English instructor on multiple levels. Having taught students from the 6th grade level through the college level in urban, suburban, and rural areas that span three states, my abilities in teaching writing as well as the comprehension and interpretation of great literature have been tested and retested. I believe I owe much of my success to the rigorous and remarkable professors and coursework available in TWU's ESFL graduate studies department. I received much individual attention from my extraordinary professors at TWU. . . . Additionally, my graduate experience has enriched my life in general by giving me adeptness in a field I consider to be culturally relevant and satisfying."

Jill A. Harper, MA 1995

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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**TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY
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MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

**GRADUATE SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF
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The beautiful campus of **TWU** in Denton, population over 100,000, is one of three campuses of the university primarily for women that is located 35 miles north of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, the nation's fourth largest metropolitan area and the ninth fastest-growing region in the country. The multiple colleges and universities in the area, including the University of North Texas across town, offer a rich intellectual and a flourishing arts environment: music, drama, dance, art exhibits, and lecture series are nearby and plentiful. The Dallas Arts District when complete will be a world-class complex of venues.

MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

The Department of English, Speech, and Foreign Languages offers courses leading to the MA degree in English. The major objectives of the MA program include both the provision of broad literary and cultural foundations and the preparation of students for a variety of careers: teaching, administration, publishing, business, and government service. The program emphasizes literature, language, composition, and rhetoric. The graduate English major may specialize in British or American literature, in the English language, or in rhetoric. Three routes to attaining the MA in English are as follows:

- ▶ courses only (12 courses / 36 hours); 3-hour written comprehensive examination
- ▶ courses and Professional Paper (11 courses / 33 hours and Professional Paper–3 hours); 3-hour written comprehensive examination
- ▶ courses and Thesis (10 courses / 30 hours and Thesis–6 hours); 2-hour oral examination

Our MA students benefit from the opportunities inherent in a PhD-granting department while studying with faculty who are devoted to teaching and mentoring students.

LIBRARY

The TWU library's book collection is supplemented by a vast array of online databases and an interlibrary-loan department that can obtain quickly from another library almost any book or journal article we do not own. Articles not available at TWU can be obtained and sent to patrons via e-mail by the ILL Department. TWU students also have access to the nearby UNT libraries. The TWU library's Woman's Collection is the largest depository of research material about women in the South and Southwest and one of only three major collections of its kind in the nation. Of special interest are the historical records and personal reminiscences of the Women's Airforce Service Pilots, vintage clothing and textiles from the 1860s to the 1960s, more than 10,000 catalogued cookbooks and menus dating from the 18th century, and the personal papers of prominent Texas women.

THE FEDERATION

The Federation of North Texas Area Universities is a consortium of three institutions: Texas A&M University–Commerce, Texas Woman's University, and the University of North Texas. Rotating venues each spring, the Federation Rhetoric Symposium provides the opportunity for graduate students at all three universities to share research with each other, with Federation faculty, and with noted scholars in the field. Previous keynote speakers have included Edward P.J. Corbett, Kenneth Burke, James Kinneavy, Andrea Lunsford, and Patricia Bizzell, and, more recently, Sonja K. Foss, Cynthia Selfe, Tim Crusius, Sharon Crowley, Don Bialostosky, Brenda Brueggemann, Jan Swearingen, Susan Stanford Friedman, Richard Enos, and Karlyn Kohrs Campbell.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available through scholarships, grants, loans, and student employment. At TWU a significant number of students receive some type of financial assistance. Teaching Assistants may tutor in the Write Site, teach composition, and assist faculty. Health benefits are included with the stipend for

Teaching Assistants. The department offers a number of scholarships to graduate students, several of which are generous. The largest endowment is designated for native Texans studying American literature.

ADMISSION

Applications to the MA program in English must meet the general university requirements for admission to the Graduate School as delineated in the *Graduate Catalog*. Applicants apply by going online to applytexas.org. In conjunction with the general requirements, departmental requirements include the following:

- ▶ preferred verbal GRE score of at least 500
- ▶ preferred quantitative GRE score of at least 350
- ▶ minimum 3.0 GPA on previous upper-division and graduate work
- ▶ official transcripts
- ▶ 3 letters of recommendation
- ▶ personal interview for those seeking an Assistantship

WHAT OUR GRADUATES SAY

“My time at TWU was enlightening, introspective, and challenging. The support I received from all the faculty and staff, from my professors to the administrators, was remarkable. The pioneer spirit of TWU follows you after graduation. It gives you a sense of home and hope—that we can always return to open arms and that we can achieve everything we set out to do because of our strong foundation and education from TWU.”

Sarah Sprinkle, MA 2008

“When I tell my students about my experiences, I [get] so nostalgic . . . that I start looking for ways to return, even as a non-credit student. Simply to walk on the campus and into the library and bookstore fills me with gratitude as it reminds me of when—and where—I finally discovered my potential.”

Diana Williams, MA 1998