

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN RHETORIC AND LITERARY STUDIES

This program is no longer accepting new students.

The graduate certificate in Rhetoric and Literary Studies invites students to explore literary and cultural texts, creative writing, linguistics, and rhetorical and literary theory. Students gain a better sense of the discipline and contribute their own scholarly voice to the conversation.

The certificate prepares those who already have an undergraduate degree in English and need advanced expertise to teach composition and literature in concurrent enrollment high school settings and undergraduate institutions of higher education. The program may also appeal to those who want to explore particular fields in greater depth, test aptitude for graduate school, or take steps towards an MA in English or Education.

The graduate certificate in Rhetoric and Literacy Studies is fully online to accommodate working professionals. It can be combined with additional coursework, through CMU's Center for Teacher Education, into a [Masters of Arts in Education degree](#).

The certificate program focuses on key expertise that develop close readers, persuasive writers, and critical thinkers:

- Rhetoric and Composition
- Literature
- Literary Theory
- Creative writing
- Linguistics

For more information, including program requirements, see [Rhetoric and Literary Studies \(Graduate Certificate\)](#).