

ENGL 5397.063 GIS (GUIDED INTEGRATIVE STUDY) Spring 2025

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About this Required Capstone Course

ENGL 5397 Guided Integrative Study is a required course and the capstone of the UT Tyler English master's program. It must be taken during a long semester--either spring or fall; it is not offered during the summer. If you are within nine (9) hours of completing your degree for non-thesis students or within twelve (12) hours for thesis students, please access and read the information by reading the sections and by clicking on the ENGL 5397 GIS links below. NOTE: ENGL 5397 (GIS) & ENGL 5396 (thesis) cannot be taken concurrently. The GIS must be taken prior to enrolling in thesis hours. So, if you plan to write a thesis, plan accordingly.

If you have questions, contact your graduate advisor or the English Studies graduate director, Dr. Matthew Kelly, by email (englishma@uttyler.edu) or by telephone (903.565.5703).

1. The initial step: ENGL 5397 GIS PERMISSION TO ENROLL FORM

In the semester prior to the taking the GIS and right after registration opens for the semester in which the GIS is to be taken, this form must be completed and emailed to the English graduate director (currently Dr. Tara Propper) at englishma@uttyler.edu). The Graduate Director will check your degree plan to make sure that you are eligible to take the GIS. Before completing the form be sure to have a GIS topic selected and confirmation from your GIS director and reader that they will serve on your GIS committee.

To access the permission form click and faculty members eligible to serve on GIS committees, click on the links below:

[GIS Permission Form Download GIS Permission Form](#)

[Graduate Teaching Faculty Download Graduate Teaching Faculty](#)

2. Checklist of Due Dates for Students Enrolled in the GIS

Attached is a schedule the sequence of the various GIS assignments that are requirement for the course. Due dates are listed as Week 1, Week 5, Week 7, etc. For specific dates, consult the calendar for the semester in which you are enrolled in ENGL 5397 and also your GIS director. Minor modifications to the dated sequence are at the discretion of your GIS director. More significant modifications must have the approval of your GIS director and either the department chair or the graduate director.

[GIS Timeline w/ Checklist \(student\) Download GIS Timeline w/ Checklist \(student\)](#)

3. The GIS Portfolio

In addition to submitting the completed GIS portfolio to the GIS director in accordance with the GIS director's instructions, the M.A. candidate must submit a clean electronic copy of the portfolio to the current English graduate advisor (Dr. Propper) at englishma@uttyler.edu. The portfolio should be submitted to the graduate during finals week of the GIS semester.

For submission, components of the portfolio should be formatted as one Word file. The file should contain a title page and a table of contents. The student's name should only appear on the title page. It should include the following items in the order listed:

- GIS paper proposal (approximately 250 words, if required by GIS director)
- Research Plan / Proposed Methodology (approximately 500 words, if required by GIS director)
- Annotated Bibliography (20-25 sources)
- Literature Review (Historical-Bibliographical Essay (8-10 pages))
- Take-home GIS Exit Examination Essay (approx 8-12 pages)
- List of 5 revised Prompts/Questions for the GIS Exit Examination
- GIS Paper (approx. 20-25 pages)

Timeline

Week 1: Jan 13-Jan 19	
Week 2: Jan 20-Jan 26	Jan 26 th : Proposal
Week 3: Jan 27-Feb 2	Meet to discuss proposal and sources
Week 4: Feb 3-Feb 9	
Week 5: Feb 10-Feb 16	Feb 16 th : Annotated Bibliography
Week 6: Feb 17-Feb 23	
Week 7: Feb 24-Mar 2	Mar 2 nd : Literature Review
Week 8: Mar 3- Mar 9	
Week 9: Mar 10-Mar 16	Meet to discuss paper and exam questions
Week 10: Mar 17-Mar 23	Spring Break Mar 16 th : Draft Seminar Paper Mar 23 rd : Exam Questions
Week 11: Mar 24-Mar 30	Meet to discuss revisions

Week 12: Mar 31-Apr 6	Apr 6 th : Final submission of Seminar Paper
Week 13: Apr 7-Apr 13	Apr 11-Apr 13: Weekend of Exam
Week 14: Apr 14-Apr 20	
Week 15: Apr 21-Apr 27	
Final Exams: Apr 28-May 3	