

## Graduate Certificates

*that may complement English graduate degrees*

### Applied Shakespeare Graduate Certificate

Immerse yourself in the Applied Shakespeare Graduate Certificate program! Begin with an online, fully interactive graduate course in the Spring semester that includes an introduction to the upcoming Colorado Shakespeare Festival plays and other major Shakespeare works. Then, join your fellow students for a two-week immersion during the Summer semester where you'll explore acting, directing, interpreting and teaching Shakespeare in a fully interdisciplinary, experiential context with your fellow learners.

*Can English classes be used for this certificate?* No, but the online class (ENGL 5000) can be used toward the degree requirements for the English MA or PhD. Note that this certificate is offered through the Department of Continuing Education, which has their own tuition and fee structure.

For more info, visit [www.colorado.edu/graduateschool/distance-education/certificate-programs/applied-shakespeare](http://www.colorado.edu/graduateschool/distance-education/certificate-programs/applied-shakespeare)

### Graduate Certificate in Women and Gender Studies

The Graduate Certificate in Women and Gender Studies (WGST) is designed to complement a CU graduate disciplinary degree program which provides graduate students the opportunity to engage a variety of scholarly and methodological approaches to the study of gender and sexuality. Students are encouraged to apply for the WGST Graduate Certificate early in their course of graduate studies.

*Can English classes be used for this certificate?* Nine of the twelve credits for this certificate must be taken in WMST. With approval of the WGST graduate advisor, three credits can be taken in English. With approval of the English Associate Chair for Graduate Studies, six credits in WMST can be applied toward the English MA or PhD.

For more info, visit [www.colorado.edu/wgst/graduates](http://www.colorado.edu/wgst/graduates)

### Graduate Certificate in Comparative Ethnic Studies

The Department of Ethnic Studies offers a Graduate Certificate in Comparative Ethnic Studies (GCCES). The purpose of the certificate is to provide specialized training in Africana Studies, Chican@-Latin@ Studies, Decolonial Feminist Studies, Race and Sexuality Studies, and transnational/hemispheric Ethnic Studies to students pursuing degrees in various disciplines on campus.

*Can English classes be used for this certificate?* Nine of the twelve credits for this certificate must be taken in ETHN. With approval of the Department of Ethnic Studies, three credits can be taken in English. With approval of the English Associate Chair for Graduate Studies, six credits in ETHN can be applied toward the English MA or PhD.

For more info, visit <https://www.colorado.edu/ethnicstudies/graduate/graduate-certificate>

### Graduate Certificate in Native and Indigenous

The Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies offers a Graduate Certificate in Native and Indigenous Studies (NAIS). This certificate program offers students the opportunity to strengthen their interdisciplinary knowledge and experience in this increasingly important area. The rise of global and scholarly attention to issues of indigeneity signals a larger transformation in conceptions of nation, citizenship, and transnationalism in the context of globalization.

*Can I use English classes for this certificate?* Some topics of ENGL 5059, ENGL 5169, and ENGL 7179 have been approved for this certificate. Nine of the twelve credits for this certificate must be taken outside of English. With approval of the English Associate Chair for Graduate Studies, six credits in departments other than English (i.e., two

classes for this certificate) can be applied toward the English MA or PhD.  
For more info, visit [www.colorado.edu/cnais/nais-certificates/graduate-certificate](http://www.colorado.edu/cnais/nais-certificates/graduate-certificate)

### Graduate Certificate in Critical Theory

The Graduate Certificate in Critical Theory is offered through the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures, however all classes needed for the certificate are taught in English. The certificate offers students a background in the philosophical foundations of critical theory and draws on disciplines such as philosophy, psychoanalysis, Marxism, literary criticism and sociology.

*Can I use English classes for this certificate?* ENGL 5019 and ENGL 7489 are approved as elective courses for this certificate. The required courses for this certificate (GRMN 5030 and GRMN 5051) may be used applied toward the English MA or PhD with prior approval from the English Associate Chair for Graduate Studies.  
For more information, visit [www.colorado.edu/gssl/graduate-certificate-program-critical-theory](http://www.colorado.edu/gssl/graduate-certificate-program-critical-theory)

### Graduate Certificate in Jewish Studies

This certificate program allows graduate students across campus interested in Jewish studies to explore Jewish culture, history, society, and thought in a number of disciplines. It also offers intensive mentoring of graduate research and writing projects through a graduate colloquium.

*Can I use English classes for this certificate?* ENGL 5109 Literature and Culture of the US: Mystics and Messiahs in Early America is approved to count towards the Jewish Studies certificate program. Certificate-seekers must complete 3 graduate courses (9 credit hours) with a grade of B or higher from the approved list of graduate courses, issued every semester.  
For more information, visit: [www.colorado.edu/jewishstudies/certificate](http://www.colorado.edu/jewishstudies/certificate)

### Certificate for Preparing Future Faculty

The Professional Development Certificate for Preparing Future Faculty (PDC:PFF) is designed to target the needs of graduate students who wish to pursue careers in academia. This certificate provides graduate students with the opportunity to expand their understanding and appreciation for faculty careers in postsecondary institutions.

*What's required for this certificate?* No teaching is required for this certificate. Instead, participants complete an off-campus mentorship with a faculty member over a span of 120-150 hours, attend 20 workshops, and perform a site visit.  
For more details, visit [www.colorado.edu/gtp/certificates/professional-development-certificate-preparing-future-faculty](http://www.colorado.edu/gtp/certificates/professional-development-certificate-preparing-future-faculty)

### Certificate in College Teaching

The University of Colorado Boulder Graduate School offers the Certificate in College Teaching (CCT) to recognize graduate teachers who devote time to improve their teaching. The Graduate School considers the employment and training of graduate teachers to be a professional apprenticeship that shapes the professoriate of the future.

*What is required for this certificate?* This certificate requires two semesters of teaching at CU, completion of 20 workshops, 20 real-time hours of teacher training in English, two videotape consultations, a faculty observation and evaluation, and preparation of a teaching portfolio. The suggested time to complete these requirements is 2 years although several students have completed all the requirements in 12 months.  
For more information, visit [www.colorado.edu/gtp/certificates/certificate-college-teaching](http://www.colorado.edu/gtp/certificates/certificate-college-teaching)

## Digital Humanities Certificate Graduate Certificate

Offered by the CU Boulder Center for Research Data & Digital Scholarship, the Digital Humanities Certificate Graduate Certificate (DHGC) prepares students to create, utilize, and evaluate digital methods and tools for research, to integrate them into their teaching, to assess the diverse impacts of technologies on people and society, and to leverage digital technologies for public outreach and engagement

*What's required for this certificate?* This certificate requires at least nine credit hours at the graduate level with an average GPA of 3.0 (B) or better. Three credit hours must be in one of the following course courses: DHUM 5000: Introduction to Digital Humanities: Movements, Methods, and Tools, or ENGL 5529/IAWP 6100: Special Topics: Theory and Practice of Doing // From Digital Humanities to Posthumanities. Two additional elective courses must be selected from an approved list in consultation with the Certificate Director. For more info, visit [www.colorado.edu/crdds/dhgc](http://www.colorado.edu/crdds/dhgc).

For a complete list of the 50+ graduate certificates offered at CU Boulder, visit [www.colorado.edu/graduateschool/programs/graduate-certificates](http://www.colorado.edu/graduateschool/programs/graduate-certificates)

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## Are you interested in pursuing a graduate certificate?

All courses must be pre-approved by your Associate Chair in order to fulfill English requirements for your degree. In general, no more than 6 credits from other departments are typically approved.

Based on your field(s) of interest and your long-term goals, a graduate certificate may supplement your English degree well but it may also extend the time necessary to complete a degree.

Talk to one of the following people *before* you enroll in classes for a certificate:

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