

## 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 introduction to the upcoming Colorado Shakespeare Festival (CSF) plays and other major Shakespeare works. Then, join your fellow students for an on-campus immersion at CU Boulder during the renowned Colorado Shakespeare Festival. You'll explore acting, directing, interpreting and teaching Shakespeare in a fully interdisciplinary, experiential context with your fellow learners.

The program culminates in the completion of your own Applied Shakespeare capstone project, in which you create a presentation, workshop, paper, solo performance or script that intersects Shakespeare with a topic, specific population, or social issue of your choosing.

*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 <https://www.colorado.edu/graduateschool/academic-resources/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—providing 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; students enrolled in the program will get priority if placed on a waitlist for a graduate-level *WGST* course.

*Can English classes be used for this certificate?* Nine of the twelve credits for this certificate must be taken in WGST. 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

To enhance the graduate school training for enrolled graduate students at the University of Colorado Boulder, the Department of Ethnic Studies (DES) offers a Graduate Certificate in Comparative Ethnic Studies (GCCES). The purpose of the certificate is to provide specialized training in Africana studies, Chicanx/Latinx studies, decolonial feminist studies, comparative ethnic 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. Drawing on disciplines such as philosophy, psychoanalysis, Marxism, literary criticism and sociology, critical theory develops analytical tools for describing and evaluating modern society and cultural production. The program is open to students currently enrolled in a graduate program at CU Boulder.

*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/gsll/graduate-certificate-program-critical-theory](http://www.colorado.edu/gsll/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 in College Teaching

The Certificate in College Teaching (CCT) helps graduate teachers develop a confident classroom presence, good interactional skills, and a firm foundation in college teaching. Graduate students **must** teach for two or more semesters to pursue this certificate. For more information, visit <https://www.colorado.edu/center/teaching-learning/programs/graduate-certificates/certificate-college-teaching>

## Future Faculty Development Certificate

The Future Faculty Development Certificate (FFD) offers participants the opportunity to pursue a project on teaching at the college level under the guidance of a faculty mentor. Participants are not required to teach to pursue this certificate. For more information, visit <https://www.colorado.edu/center/teaching-learning/programs/graduate-certificates/future-faculty-development-certificate>

## Pursuing Excellence in College Teaching Credential

The Future Faculty Development Certificate (FFD) offers participants the opportunity to pursue a project on teaching at the college level under the guidance of a faculty mentor. Participants are not required to teach to pursue this certificate. For more information, visit <https://www.colorado.edu/center/teaching-learning/programs/graduate-certificates/future-faculty-development-certificate>

## 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. For more information, visit <https://www.colorado.edu/crdds/dhgc>

For a complete list of the 50+ graduate certificates offered at CU Boulder, visit  
<https://www.colorado.edu/graduateschool/academic-resources/certificate-programs>

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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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