

B.A./M.A. Sequence in English

This is an accelerated sequence of courses that allows students to earn a BA and an MA in English in five years. Under the supervision of faculty advisors in English, students in this course sequence will finish their undergraduate course requirements and begin their graduate studies during their fourth year.

- Students must apply to the BA/MA Pathway during their Junior year. Students must have a 3.30 GPA in all coursework to be eligible for this program.
- During the fourth year of the baccalaureate degree, students in the sequence take 2 or 3 English courses at the 500 level for graduate credit. These courses will also count toward the BA.
- Following completion of the BA, students enroll in 7 or 8 graduate-level classes to complete the 30 hours of MA credit the following academic year.

Approved graduate classes taken during the fourth year will count toward the MA as well as the BA. Students must retain full-time status as undergraduates, and they should be aware that **courses taken for graduate credit without advisor approval will not be covered by undergraduate scholarships.**

Requirements:

Undergraduate Coursework: Bachelor of Arts in English

- The General Education requirement
- The second year of a foreign language.
- A minimum of 36 credits of English courses,* which includes:

Core requirements:

1. Students must earn a C- or higher in the following classes.

- 3300:300 Critical Reading and Writing
- 3300:301 English Literature 1
- 3300:315 Shakespeare: Early Plays OR 3300:316 Shakespeare: Mature Plays
- 3300:341 American Literature
- 3300:371 Introduction to Linguistics OR 3300:400 Anglo-Saxon OR 3300:470 History of the English Language
- 3300:492 Senior Seminar (not any senior seminar; only 3300:492, our capstone course)

2. Students must complete at least three additional courses at the 400 level.
(Workshops cannot be used for this requirement.)

3. Students must complete enough additional electives to have at least 36 credits in English.

*NOTE: Courses 3300:111, 3300:112, 3300:250, 3300:252, and 3300:281 DO NOT count toward the English major or minor degree requirements.

4. Students must earn a minimum 2.20 GPA in all coursework in English at the University of Akron, including any transfer work they may have done.

* These 36 credits include 500-level courses taken for the 4+1 program

Distribution Requirements:

Students' coursework in English for the BA must include:

- One course in world or multicultural literature outside the canon of British and American writers.

Graduate Coursework:

In the fourth year:

In addition to undergraduate coursework, students take 2-3 courses which offer credit at both the 400 and 500 levels. Students will take these at the 500 level.

In the fifth year:

Students take 7-8 additional classes to reach 30 graduate credit hours, completing the following requirements:

Core classes for all MA students consist of the following 18 credits at the 600 level:

- 3300:611: Argumentation and Research Writing
- 3300:673: Theories of Composition
- 3300:665: Literary Criticism OR 690: Critical Approaches to Literature
- One additional 600-level literature course
- 3300:689: Grant Writing OR 3300:689: Professional Writing Theory and Practice
- Capstone (3 credit hours): 3300:699: Thesis **OR** 3300:698 Individual Reading in English/Portfolio

(In the ENG 698 option, students complete a Portfolio based on the revision and presentation of 3-6 course artifacts, at least one of which is an academic paper.)

A minimum of 30 credits is required. Students must take 12 additional credit hours in English, selecting from classes listed in the Course Bulletin offered at either the 500 or 600-level.

To complete the BA/MA sequence, a student must:

- Finish all undergraduate General Education Requirements
- Complete the second year (or its equivalent) of a foreign language
- Earn 36 undergraduate credits in English.
- Earn 30 graduate credits in English, completing required classes and the Capstone. Of these 30 credit hours, 9 credits taken at the 500 level may count at BOTH the undergraduate and graduate levels. A 3.0 average in graduate-level courses is required to graduate with the MA.