

Accelerated

BACHELOR'S TO MASTER'S IN ENGLISH

UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA ENGLISH PROGRAM



Overview:

The Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's Degree Program offers the opportunity to simultaneously satisfy partial degree requirements for a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in an accelerated program of study. Upon completion of the undergraduate B.A. in English or B.A. in English Education, with a satisfactory undergraduate grade point average and a grade of "B" or better in all graduate courses completed, the students may move to full graduate status in the M.A. program in English, and the courses taken as an undergraduate will be applied toward the graduate degree.

Students who complete the ABM in English Education gain secondary teaching certification (with the B.A.) and the qualifications to teach dual enrollment/college courses (with the M.A.).

Enroll in this innovative program and prepare for multiple opportunities in the teaching profession!

Questions?

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students applying for the ABM Program in English or English Education must:

- Have completed at least 90 hours toward a B.A. in English or B.A. in English Education.
- Have completed at least 30 hours of the 90 hours of coursework at the University of West Georgia.
- Have a UWG GPA of 3.5 or higher or an English major GPA of 3.75 or higher and must maintain that GPA while they are undergraduates.
- Have taken English 3000.
- Meet all admission requirements for the M.A. in English with the exception of the complete B.A. in English or B.A. in English Education.
- Students applying for the accelerated program will not be required to take standardized admissions tests.

Want to enroll or find out more? Contact your English major advisor and/or the Director of Graduate Studies in English, Dr. Patrick Erben (perben@westga.edu).

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Meet with your advisor to discuss the program. This should take place when the student has reached a minimum of 60 hours and completed all Area F coursework.
- Complete application form for the ABM program. This should take place in the semester before the student earns 90 hours.
- Complete a graduate application for the graduate degree program and submit all required documents for admission.
- Acceptance to the Program.

Once a student has been accepted to the program, the student should follow the plan of study prescribed by the program and take the courses approved for the ABM program. Students will be classified as an undergraduate student. Once the student has earned the bachelor's degree, the student's classification will be changed to a graduate student.

APPROVED GRADUATE COURSES

The table below shows the graduate courses for which students can receive credit towards both the graduate and undergraduate degrees, along with the undergraduate courses which they would replace. Students in the program may receive credit for two such courses (in the M.A. capstone track or thesis track, which both require 30 h coursework) or four such courses (in the M.A. non-thesis track, which requires 36 h coursework). Undergraduate students admitted to the ABM program should take at least two (2) 4000-level courses before taking any of the 6000-level courses listed below.

GRADUATE COURSE

ENGL 6105—Seminar in British Literature I
ENGL 6110—Seminar in American Literature I
ENGL 6115—Seminar in British Literature II
ENGL 6120—Seminar in American Literature II

REPLACED UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

ENGL 4000—Studies in British Literature I
ENGL 4003—Studies in American Literature I
ENGL 4002—Studies in British Literature II
ENGL 4005—Studies in American Literature II

Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's in English Application Form

Please fill out by hand or electronically and return to:

Dr. Patrick Erben (perben@westga.edu), Head of Graduate Studies in English. By completing and submitting this form, you are beginning the process of applying for the ABM program in English or English Education. Once you receive this signed form, you next have to apply for acceptance to the M.A. program in English with UWG Graduate Admissions (*see the next page for application requirements). Your ABM application will be complete once your M.A. program application has also been processed and approved.

Full Name: _____ UWG ID Number: _____

Credit Hours Completed: _____

Current Major Track (check one): B.A. in English B.A. in English Education

Anticipated M.A. Program Start Term (Semester & Year): _____

Chosen M.A. Track (check one):

Thesis/Capstone Track (30h program; allows 6h to count toward both degrees)

Non-Thesis Track (36h program; allows 12h to count toward both degrees)

Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

Department Chair Signature: _____

M.A. PROGRAM IN ENGLISH APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Completed application via UWG Graduate Admissions.

Three letters of recommendation (preferably from current English professors).

A personal statement of circa 1 to 1.5 pages, explain the goals for pursuing a graduate degree in English.

Transcripts from all colleges attended (including current UWG transcript).

Proof of legal residence (driver's license).

** ABM applicants to the graduate program in English do not have to submit GRE scores*



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