

Accelerated BA/MA Program in English

<http://accelerate.qc.cuny.edu/grad-programs/>

What is an accelerated degree?

Accelerated degrees at Queens College allow qualified students to begin taking coursework for a master's degree as an undergraduate student. These graduate courses can count toward both a student's undergraduate degree requirements and master's degree requirements.

Why do it?

- The Accelerated English BA/MA program allows our strongest English majors to start taking English MA classes while they're still undergraduates, and those classes do double duty and count for both English major and MA requirements.
- Students in accelerated degree programs can finish their graduate education in less time, with greater tuition savings. Students in the Accelerated English BA/MA program can earn their MA degree in as little as two or three semesters as graduate students.
- The accelerated application is much simpler than the regular admissions application, and if accepted, students are able to automatically continue on in our [English MA program](#) after finishing their BA, without having to reapply.

Who is eligible?

Upper sophomore, junior, and senior English majors, who have taken some 200- and 300-level English courses and have a minimum 3.5 GPA in English.

How does it work?

If accepted, accelerated students may take up to **THREE** of the following graduate English courses (**up to 9 credits**). These courses will satisfy elective requirements for the English major AND later transfer over and count toward the English MA.

- ENGL 701: Graduate Methodology
- ENGL 636: History of Literary Criticism
- Any 600- or 700-level English elective course (excluding the creative-writing courses, ENGL 751-763, which are reserved for MFA students)

English Honors + the Accelerated English BA/MA: For undergraduates in the English Honors Program who are accepted into the Accelerated English BA/MA program, the two semesters of ENGL 399W will transfer and count as 6 graduate credits toward the English MA. These students may also take up to **TWO** of the graduate English courses listed above, allowing them to transfer up to **12 graduate credits total** toward the English MA degree (12 is the maximum number of graduate transfer credits allowed by the College).

NOTE: If students still have specific requirements to fulfill in their undergraduate English major, they must also coordinate with the Director of Undergraduate Studies to ensure that their graduate courses satisfy those remaining requirements.

Upon completing the BA, as long as they've maintained a minimum 3.0 GPA in English, accelerated students will automatically be accepted into our [English MA program](#), without having to reapply. The MA program requires 30 credits (10 courses) total, which means accelerated students may have as few as six or seven courses remaining to earn the English MA degree.

How do I apply?

To apply, fill out the application form at <https://apps.qc.cuny.edu/AcceleratedDegrees/>. You will need to include the name of a full-time faculty member from the English Department who has agreed to be your referral (no formal recommendation letters required). You will also need to attach a writing sample (about 3–5 pages) of your strongest work written for an English class.

Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis, but we recommend applying as soon as you are eligible, so you can plan your coursework accordingly.

If you have any questions, please email the Directors of Graduate Studies in English at MAEnglish@qc.cuny.edu.