MA/MAT IN ENGLISH

Graduate students may complete the Master of Arts degree in English and the Master of Arts in Teaching (English) in a joint MA/MAT program. This joint program is intended for students who wish to earn a New York State secondary education teaching credential and have the benefit of additional study in English through the MA program.

Joint Program – Who is Eligible?

Students who are accepted into the MA (English) or MAT (English Education) may apply for admission to the Joint Program after they have satisfactorily completed at least 6 graduate credits in English with a GPA of at least 3.0.

Students who have already completed the MAT or MA in English may apply for the additional degree that the Joint MA/MAT Program affords them. Their matriculation into the Joint Program must be within five years of the matriculation date for their first degree, and they must complete the Joint Degree program within seven years of the matriculation date for their first degree.

Joint Degree Application Process

- After completing 6 graduate credits in English, students meet with their graduate advisor to discuss their intentions;
- Students then will be advised to write 1) a brief statement indicating their wish to begin the joint program, 2) a 1-2 page application essay detailing their reasons for wanting the additional degree;
- Students request one additional letter of recommendation. Those seeking to add the MA to their MAT must submit a letter from an English Professor; those seeking to add the MAT to their MA need a letter from a faculty member or someone else (e.g., an employer, an internship or volunteer supervisor) who can speak to their talents for working with young people and their potential as a teacher;
- Students seeking to add the MA to the MAT must submit a sample of critical writing, either one or two essays totaling about 10 pages in length;
- Students submit the Graduate School application (pages 1-2), and the materials listed above to the Graduate & Extended Learning Office (Old Main Building, Room 127).

Transfer Credits

Students who are enrolled in or have completed the MA in English will be permitted to transfer up to 15 graduate credits in English into the MAT program. Students who are enrolled in or have completed the MAT in English will be permitted to transfer up to 15 graduate credits in English into the MA program.

This transfer policy is available only to students who are enrolled in or have completed the first graduate degree program at SUNY New Paltz, and the credits must be transferred within seven years of matriculation in the first degree program. No more than six credits of graduate work at another institution may be transferred into either the SUNY New Paltz MA or MAT program.

Degree Program Time Limit

Students have seven years to complete both degrees. Exceptions to this rule will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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