BA + MA IN ENGLISH

The Five-Year Master Plan is a pathway to earning two powerful credentials, a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree and a Master of Arts (MA) degree, in just five years. The BA/MA program in English is designed to provide a clear path for New Paltz students majoring in English Liberal Arts or Creative Writing to complete the MA degree in one year. Students in this program begin taking graduate courses during their senior year earning ten credits of graduate course work by the time they complete their BA degree. They are then able to complete the MA degree requirements by enrolling in ten credits during the subsequent fall and spring terms.

How does it work?

QUALIFY for early admission as junior majoring in English or Creative Writing by earning a 3.5 GPA in English courses and completing ENG 300 Seminar in Critical Practices.

APPLY online to the BA/MA program in English (major 204M) during the junior year.

UPLOAD a personal statement explaining interest in the 4+1 program, a writing sample of no longer than 10 pages, contact information for two references (one of which must be from the English Department), and an unofficial transcript.

GET AHEAD by completing ten credits of graduate course work during the senior year and enjoy a tuition savings of $175/credit.

COMPLETE the MA degree program requirements in just one year.

Admission Requirements

During the junior year, students should meet with Professor Mulready to prepare for their graduate application:

Application Procedures

• Apply using the link above to our new application system.
• Create an account (if new to applying) and follow the steps.
• Select the fall term when you would like to begin your graduate coursework and major code (204M).
• Select the “4+1 BA/MA English Program” as the intended curriculum.

NOTE: This program only admits for the fall term.

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Upload Checklist Items

To expedite a faculty review of an application, students may upload the following items:

• Personal statement explaining your interest in the 4+1 program in English
• Writing sample of no more than 10 pages in length
• Contact information for two references (one of which must be from the English Department)
• Student copies of transcripts* from every college/university attended
• Full admission REQUIRES the submission of official transcripts and test scores.

Check Your Application Status

• Check your application status through your applicant portal.

Upon admission to the BA/MA program in English, the student’s undergraduate major code will be updated to 522M to reflect admission to the BA/MA Program in English. And, a new progress