

ENGLISH

Integrated Undergrad-Grad Programs

Integrated B.A. in English and M.A. in English

This Integrated Undergraduate/Graduate (IUG) degree program combines the B.A. in English with the M.A. in English offered at the following campuses:

Undergraduate Degree

- Abington
- Altoona
- Bandywine
- Scranton
- York
- University Park

Graduate Degree

- University Park

The graduate portion of this IUG is currently offered as face-to-face residential instruction. While the undergraduate curriculum for this IUG may be completed at multiple campuses, the ease and feasibility of completing the integrated program may be heavily dependent upon the location of the graduate instruction. Please discuss the feasibility of completing the IUG with a representative for the graduate program before beginning the application process.

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-210 Integrated Undergraduate-Graduate (IUG) Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-210-integrated-undergraduate-graduate-degree-programs/>).

The English B.A./M.A. Integrated Undergraduate Degree Program (ENGL IUG) is a five-year program designed for highly-qualified and motivated students seeking to improve their writing skills significantly. The integrated B.A./M.A. degree offers talented Penn State undergraduates in English a chance to acquire both a B.A. in English and an M.A. in English in five years of study. The first two years of undergraduate course work include the University General Education and Liberal Arts requirements in addition to introductory course work in the English major. Students typically will apply to the B.A./M.A. during their 5th or 6th semester and begin graduate studies in their fourth year. In the third year students are expected to take upper-level course work in English in literature, rhetoric, or creative writing. In the fourth year, students will complete the capstone course for the English major, ENGL 487W, and enroll exclusively in 400-level and graduate-level courses in creative writing. The fifth and final year of the integrated program consists entirely of graduate-level seminars. The program culminates with the submission of a master's paper that consists of the best creative work that the student has produced in his or her primary creative genre—either poetry or prose, and includes a scholarly research component.

Time of Admission to the Program

Before applying to the Fox Graduate School, students must have completed entrance to their undergraduate major and have completed no less than 60 credits. Students must be admitted no later than the end of the second week of the semester preceding the semester of expected conferral of the undergraduate degree. Transfer students must have completed at least 15 credits at Penn State to enroll in an IUG.

Application to the English IUG would typically occur in the junior year after a student has completed 60 credits, enrolled in the English major, and completed two English courses in creative writing.

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the J. Jeffrey and Ann Marie Fox Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/admissions/how-to-apply>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

Students must apply to and meet admission requirements of the Fox Graduate School, as well as the admission requirements for the M.A. in English, listed on the Admission Requirements tab.

Admission to the integrated B.A./M.A. program will be based on the submission of a portfolio of creative work and a plan of study to the department's Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) and the Director of the B.A./M.A. program. Applications typically will be filed during the 5th or 6th semesters of study, and applicants must have achieved a minimum of 60 credits and a 3.3 overall GPA and 3.6 GPA in English to begin the program. The English DGS will ensure that the applicant meets the minimum credit and GPA requirements for the program. The Director of the B.A./M.A. program will evaluate the quality of the student's creative work and the applicant's plan for fulfilling the requirements of the M.A. in English. The Director of the B.A./M.A. program, in consultation with the Creative Writing faculty, will have final approval for what constitutes an acceptable level of creative work and an acceptable plan for the completion of the M.A.

The application procedure requires submission of the following:

1. Support letters from faculty and administrators (addressed to the department's Director of Graduate Studies and the Director of the B.A./M.A. program)
2. A personal statement
3. Portfolio of creative work
4. A Plan of Study
5. A transcript and degree audit printed from the student information system
6. A current resume or curriculum vita
7. A copy of the completed on-line Fox Graduate School Application (GRE scores will not be accepted).

Plan of Study and Advising

Prior to the application process, students should communicate their intent to enroll in the IUG to the English B.A. adviser and the Director of the B.A./M.A. program. The Director of the B.A./M.A. will help each student identify an appropriate series of English courses to properly prepare each student for the 500-level M.A. workshops and 500-level literature courses.

Students will be expected to maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.3 for all undergraduate course work and a GPA of 3.6 in English (ENGL)

courses throughout the IUG program of study. Failure to do so will result in the student being advised that he/she must regain a GPA of 3.3 within one semester. If the GPA is not 3.3 or higher in general undergraduate course work and 3.6 or higher in English course work after that term, the student will be dropped from the IUG.

Each student enrolled in the B.A./M.A. will meet at the beginning of each term with the Director of the B.A./M.A. to discuss their progress through the M.A. degree and to make sure that they are following the plan established upon their admission to the B.A./M.A. program.

If the student decides not to continue on in the IUG, the student may, contingent on fulfilling all other requirements for the B.A. in English, graduate with a B.A. in English.

Degree Requirements

Students must fulfill all requirements for each degree in order to be awarded that degree, subject to the double-counting of credits as outlined below. Degree requirements for the B.A. in English are listed in the Undergraduate Bulletin (<http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/>). Degree requirements for the M.A. degree are listed on the Degree Requirements tab. Students must sequence their courses so all undergraduate degree requirements are fulfilled before taking courses to count solely towards the graduate degree. Students are expected to complete the undergraduate degree requirements within the typical time to degree for the undergraduate major. In the semester in which the undergraduate degree requirements will be completed, IUG students must apply to graduate, and the undergraduate degree should be conferred at the next appropriate Commencement.

Up to 12 credits may be double-counted towards the degree requirements for both the graduate and undergraduate degrees; a minimum of 50% of the double-counted credits must be at the 500 or 800 level. Independent study courses and credits associated with the culminating experience for the graduate degree cannot be double-counted.

Code	Title	Credits
Courses Eligible to Double Count for Both Degrees		
ENGL 412	Advanced Fiction Writing	3
ENGL 413	Advanced Poetry Writing	3
ENGL 415	Advanced Nonfiction Writing	3
ENGL 512	The Writing of Fiction	3
ENGL 513	The Writing of Poetry	3
ENGL 515	The Writing of Nonfiction	3