



Department of English

MA Program and BA-MA Combined Pathway Program

2 ways to earn your MA in English

Students in the 5 Year BA-MA Combined Pathway Program...

- Complete a total of 144 credits in as little as 5 years
- Pay graduate rate tuition for 1 year / 21 credits
- Are guaranteed the offer of a 1-year mentoring teaching assistantship for Year 5
- Must be exceptionally motivated to complete this accelerated program

Students who earn a BA and an MA separately...

- Complete a total of 153 credits, typically in 6 years.
- Typically pay graduate rate tuition for 2 years / 33 credits
- Are considered for 2-year mentoring teaching assistantships based on the strength of their MA application

English BA-MA Combined Pathway: Sample 5 Year Plan*

Year 1 Fall		Year 2 Fall		Year 3 Fall		Year 4 Fall		Year 5 Fall	
FW	3	DB (or DP)	3	ENG 320	3	ENG 300+	3	ENG 400+	3
FG (A/B/C)	3	DY	1	ENG 300+	3	ENG 625alpha**	3	ENG 600+	3
DA/DH	3	DS	3	Elective	3	ENG 625alpha**	3	ENG 600+	3
HSL 101	4	HSL 201	4	Elective	3	Elective 300+	3	ENG 600+ (or 700 for CW)	3
Elective	3	Elective	3	Elective 300+	3				
		Elective	3	Elective 300+	3				
Credits	16	Credits	17	Credits	18	Credits	12	Credits	12
Year 1 Spring		Year 2 Spring		Year 3 Spring		Year 4 Spring		Year 5 Spring	
FQ	3	ENG 270, 271, 272, or 273 (DL)	3	ENG 300+	3	ENG 300+	3	ENG 600+	3
FG (A/B/C)	3	DP (or DB)	3	ENG 300+	3	ENG 400+ Studies**	3	ENG 600+	3
DS	3	HSL 202	4	ENG 44x Single Author	3	ENG 400+ (not 495 or 499)	3	ENG 691 or 700	3
HSL 102	4	Elective	3	Elective	3	ENG 600+. In excess of BA; counts toward MA.	3		
Elective	3	Elective	3	Elective 300+	3	Elective	1		
Credits	16	Credits	16	Credits	15	Credits	13	Credits	9
Total Credits	32	Total Credits	65	Total Credits	98	Total Credits	123	Total Credits	144

*This is a sample plan; there is great variation and flexibility in how students will complete their 144 credits. Interested students will have advising each semester to ensure they are on track to fulfill all program requirements.

ENG 320 is the gateway course for the BAM pathway and must be passed with an A- or higher.

**ENG 400+ Studies and 2 ENG 625alpha courses count toward both the BA and MA.

English BA then MA: Sample 6 Year Plan*

BA			
Year 1 Fall	Year 2 Fall	Year 3 Fall	Year 4 Fall
FW 3	DB (or DP) 3	ENG 320 3	ENG 300+ 3
FG (A/B/C) 3	DY 1	ENG 300+ 3	ENG 44x Single Author 3
DA/DH 3	DS 3	Elective 3	Elective 3
HSL 101 3	HSL 201 3	Elective 3	Elective 300+ 3
Elective 3	Elective 3	Elective 300+ 3	Elective 300+ 3
	Elective 3		
Credits 15	Credits 16	Credits 15	Credits 15
Year 1 Spring	Year 2 Spring	Year 3 Spring	Year 4 Spring
FQ 3	ENG 270, 271, 272, or 273 (DL) 3	ENG 300+ 3	ENG 300+ 3
FG (A/B/C) 3	DP (or DB) 3	ENG 300+ 3	ENG 300+ 3
DS 3	HSL 202 3	ENG 300+ 3	ENG 400+ (not 495 or 499) 3
HSL 102 3	Elective 3	Elective 3	ENG 400+ Studies 3
Elective 3	Elective 3	Elective 300+ 3	Elective 2
Credits 15	Credits 15	Credits 15	Credits 14
Total Credits 30	Total Credits 61	Total Credits 91	Total Credits 120

MA	
Year 5 Fall	Year 6 Fall
ENG 400+ 3	ENG 600+ 3
ENG 625alpha 3	ENG 600+ (or 700 for CW) 3
ENG 625alpha 3	
Credits 9	Credits 6
Year 5 Spring	Year 6 Spring
ENG 400+ 3	ENG 600+ 3
ENG 600+ 3	ENG 600+ 3
ENG 600+ 3	ENG 691 or 700 3
Credits 9	Credits 9
Total Credits 138	Total Credits 153

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First Steps

5 Year BA-MA Combined Pathway Program

- ✔ Contact Valerie Jun (vjun@hawaii.edu), Associate Director of Graduate & Undergraduate Programs, about your interest in the program. The BA-MA requires advanced planning.
- ✔ Declare English as your major and complete FW and ENG 270, 271, 272, or 273. Earn an A- or higher in ENG 320.
- ✔ Apply to the MA program by January 1 of your junior year. Application items include a Statement of Objectives, 3 letters of recommendation, a critical writing sample and (if applying to the creative writing concentration) a creative writing sample. See the Admissions page of our website for full instructions.

MA Program

- ✔ Contact Valerie Jun (vjun@hawaii.edu), Associate Director of Graduate & Undergraduate Programs, if you have any questions about the application process or the MA program.
- ✔ Apply to the MA program by January 1 of your senior year. Application items include a Statement of Objectives, 3 letters of recommendation, a critical writing sample and (if applying to the creative writing concentration) a creative writing sample. See the Admissions page of our website for full instructions.