

Winthrop Department of English

Admissions Requirements for the MA in English

Admission to the program for the Master of Arts degree in English requires the successful completion of 24 semester hours of approved courses in English, such as a major figures course, a period course, and a course in advanced composition or its equivalent at the undergraduate or graduate level, in addition to the general requirements for admission to graduate study at Winthrop. Applicants are expected to have a GPA of 3.0 or better in all English courses and an overall GPA of at least 2.8 on a four-point scale. In addition to the general admission requirements to graduate study at Winthrop, applicants should submit a writing sample consisting of an original critical paper on a literary or rhetorical/composition subject of at least ten double-spaced typed pages.

Admission to the Accelerated BA to MA Program in English

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the English BA—MA Program must meet the following requirements:

1. Submit Intent to Pursue form before the semester you plan to begin the program; consult the Graduate Program Director for the specific date when applications are due.
2. Have an overall GPA of 3.0 and a GPA of 3.25 in ENGL, ENGE, and WRIT courses.
3. Have successfully completed at least two of the following: ENGL 203, 208, 211
4. Be enrolled in ENGL 300 or have successfully completed it with a grade of B or better.
5. Have successfully completed a foreign language through the 102 level
6. Be enrolled in or have completed at least one 500-level ENGL course with a grade of B or better.

After students are admitted into the combined BA—MA program, they may submit up to 9 hours of 500-level courses in ENGL, WRIT, and/or ENGE taken while undergraduates for credit toward the MA in English degree, provided that 1) these courses are taken for graduate credit with the extra requirements for graduate students and 2) that the grades for these courses are a B or better. 500-level classes may not be counted retroactively toward the 9 hours in this program.