

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 scores of 150 or higher on the verbal section and 3.5 or higher on the analytic writing section of the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination. GRE scores more than five years old will not be considered. In lieu of the GRE, applicants may submit scores not more than five years old of at least 160/200 on the PRAXIS 0041 or 150 on the PRAXIS 0049/5049, or scores not more than five years old of at least 380 on the Miller Analogies Test.

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 no later than fall of senior year; 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.