



# Accelerated Degree Program in English BA to MA

## A Master's Degree Can Make You a Better Job Candidate

Unemployment rates for those with master's degrees are 40% lower than for those with a bachelor's degree alone.

Those with a master's degree earn on average about \$200 more a week than those without.

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## Considering an MA in English?

An MA in English can prepare you for a PhD, help you become qualified to be a community college teacher, or prepare you for careers in editing, publishing, and non-profit work. The MA in English at UNCG is designed to be flexible allowing you to choose from three different plans of study – the thesis plan, the teaching composition plan, and the minor field plan, which enables you to define your own area of specialization. The accelerated degree program allows qualified candidates to complete the MA more quickly without as much financial cost by counting up to 12 hours of coursework toward both your BA and MA, saving time and money while still getting an advanced degree.

## How It Works

You apply to the MA program and fill out a special form indicating your interest in the BA to MA Accelerated Degree Program. If accepted, you consult with the director of graduate studies to take the following courses alongside your other undergraduate courses. These courses then count towards both your BA and your MA.

### You will take:

ENG 601 English Studies: Content, Methods, and Bibliography

### And any three of the following courses:

ENG 549 Critical Canon and Contemporary Issues

ENG 642 Topics in Pre-1800 Literature

May be repeated twice for credit when topic or instructor varies

ENG 664 Topics in Post-1800 Literature

May be repeated twice for credit when topic or instructor varies

ENG 692 Topics in Rhetoric and Composition



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# Requirements

Qualified UNCG undergraduate students may apply for admission to the Accelerated Degree Program in English. A cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.5 based on at least 30 hours earned at UNCG is required. Applicants must have completed at least 60 semester credits and may not apply for admission to the ADP before the first semester of the junior year.

## English has the following additional requirements:

At least 15 credits of undergraduate English courses at the 200-level or above, with an earned 3.5 GPA in these courses.

Standard application requirements for the Master of Arts program.

Learning is not  
attained by chance, it  
must be sought for  
with ardor and  
attended to with  
diligence.  
~ Abigail Adams

# How To Apply

The application process for all UNCG Graduate Programs is now online through the ApplyYourself Application Network on the UNCG Graduate School website (<https://grs.uncg.edu/>).

Deadline for Entry in Fall: 1 July

Deadline for Entry in Spring: 1 November

All materials need to be submitted to the UNCG Graduate School online by the deadline.

Besides the application information and fee, the following materials should be added to your online application:

1. Official transcripts of all previous coursework.
2. Three letters of recommendation from persons familiar with your academic achievements. In your application you will be entering the names and email addresses of your recommenders, and the Slate system will contact them through email. Recommenders will upload their references directly into the Slate system.
3. At the upload button labeled "Supplemental Documents" (or "Application Essay") attach the Word document that contains your writing sample (a research essay from a previous class; must be a non-fiction piece, 10-20 pages).
4. At the upload button labeled "Supplemental Documents" attach one Word document that contains in this order a) statement of purpose (1-2 pages) with your name at the top, and b) your current CV or resume.

