

Application Procedures and FAQ for the Combined BA-MA Program in English
Applications Due: October 1 (for spring semester start)
and January 15 (for fall semester start)

What is the Combined BA-MA Program in English?

The Combined BA-MA Program allows students early admission into the MA English Program and allows students to take 4 graduate English courses in place of undergraduate courses that are similar in content. The combined degree is a good fit for those students also interested in earning undergraduate English Teacher Certification (see below).

Who is eligible?

All Stony Brook University English majors in their 6th semester of college and who have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher and GPA of 3.33 or higher in English are eligible to apply.

How should I apply?

1. Download and complete the one-page Combined Bachelor's/Master's Degree Application, available on the following website: <http://stonybrook.edu/pep/docs/CombinedDegreeAdmissionApplication.pdf>

2. Secure 3 Letters of Recommendation. The Letter of Recommendation Form you should use is available at the following link:
<http://www.grad.sunysb.edu/prospective/applying/pdf/susb0768.pdf>

3. Select for submission 10 pages of your best critical writing (1 or 2 papers from English classes would be best).

4. If you would like to be considered for the Undergraduate English Teacher Education Program as well, complete the PEP Admissions Essay (see below) and turn it in with the rest of your application materials. Also, please alert Dr. Lindblom of your interest in teaching (see his contact information below). If you do not include the PEP essay in your application, you will not be considered for English Teacher Certification. If you are already a student in the English Teacher Education Program, you do not need to complete this essay.

5. Turn in **all above materials** in a large envelope to Dorothy Mason, Coordinator of Graduate Studies in English (Office: Humanities 2087). **DO NOT** submit any materials to the Graduate School; **IGNORE** those directions on the application form.

What is the application deadline?

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Is there an application fee?

No. There is no application fee.

Must I take the GREs?

No. You do not need to take the Graduate Record Exam (GREs) for the BA-MA degree program.

What is the PEP Admissions Essay?

If, as part of your BA-MA program, you are interested in earning NYS Certification to teach English grades 7-12, you must complete the Professional Education Program's Application Essay in addition to all other

application requirements. If you have already been admitted to the English Teacher Education Program, you do not need to complete this essay. If you do not wish to earn English Teacher Certification, ignore #4 above.

The PEP Admissions Essay is in the box below:

PEP Admissions Essay

The goal of the Professional Education Program (PEP) is to develop educators who are able to implement the concepts identified in the Themes & Pathways articulated in the PEP Conceptual Framework.

In light of your experiences, interests and ambitions, select one theme and one pathway from the Conceptual Framework and explain in a well-written, 500-750 word essay how these two concepts will guide you in your development as an effective educator of English.

An abridged version of the PEP Conceptual Framework may be found at:

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/pep/PEPabridgedCF.shtml>

This program requires me to take graduate courses as an undergraduate student. What if they are too hard? Might I endanger my BA degree?

No, you cannot endanger your BA degree. We have designed this program for the highest achievers, those who make school a priority and who have already distinguished themselves in our undergraduate program. However, we also hope to inspire our students to aim high. Thus, we encourage students to apply for the program as long as they meet the minimum criteria and are ready to make the commitment to it. If it turns out the program is too difficult for you, we have designed an early exit from the program, which will allow you to earn your BA in English without earning an MA.

If I'm admitted, what classes should I register for?

Along with your acceptance letter will come information regarding your registration.

What if I have more questions?

For Information about the BA-MA Program without Teacher Certification, see:

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