

ENGLISH, BA WITH LIBERAL STUDIES, MA COMBINED DEGREE

Program Requirements

The English Department and the School of Graduate Studies offer a combined Bachelor's and Master's degree in which students earn a **Bachelor of Arts in English and a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) with an English concentration** within five-years.

Entrance requirements for ENGL/MALS degrees are:

- 3.0 GPA
- ENGL 3100 Intro to Literary Studies—grade of B or better
- ENGL 3110 Intro to Writing Studies—grade of B or better
- Acceptance into Graduate School

Freshman – Junior Standing Requirements

Students will complete the course requirements for undergraduate English, BA (<https://catalog.clayton.edu/academic-catalog/arts-sciences/english/english-ba/>).

Senior Standing Requirements

Students will complete up to 12 credit hours of approved graduate-level ENGL courses in their final 2 semesters along with their remaining undergraduate coursework.

The student must submit the following to Graduate Admissions during their senior year: application, application processing fee, and transcripts from all institutions attended. Letters of reference are also required.

Suggested Course Sequence

Please Note: Your academic advisor knows the appropriate courses you need to take to ensure your success - please work closely with your advisor and take the courses that he/she recommends. Please also consult with Financial Aid to determine the particular courses and load you need to take to remain eligible for your aid.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Freshman		
First Semester		
ENGL 1101	English Composition I	3
CRIT 1101	Critical Thinking	3
SPAN 1001	Elementary Spanish I	3
PSYC 1101 or SOCI 1101	Intro to General Psychology or Introduction to Sociology	3
MATH 1101	Intro to Mathematical Modeling	3
Credit Hours		15
Second Semester		
ENGL 1102	English Composition II	3
SPAN 1002	Elementary Spanish II	3
MATH 1401	Elementary Statistics	3
POLS 1101	American Government	3
HIST 1111 or HIST 1112	Survey-PreModern World History or Survey of Modern World History	3
Credit Hours		15

Sophomore		
First Semester		
SPAN 2001	Intermediate Spanish I	3
HIST 2111 or HIST 2112	Survey of US History to 1877 or US HIST Since Reconstruction	3
ENGL 2111 or ENGL 2112	World Literature I -Pre-Modern or World Literature II - Modern	3
BIOL 1111	Introduction to Biology I	3
BIOL 1111L	Intro to Biology Laboratory	1
ART 2302	Art of the Modern World	3
Credit Hours		16
Second Semester		
SPAN 2002	Intermediate Spanish II	3
BIOL 1112	Introduction to Biology II	3
ENGL 2121 or ENGL 2122	British Literature I or British Literature II	3
ENGL 3100	Intro to Literary Studies ¹	3
English Elective 1 ^{*,2}		3
Credit Hours		15
Junior		
First Semester		
ENGL 3110	Intro to Writing Studies ¹	3
ENGL 2131 or ENGL 2132	American Literature I [*] or American Literature II	3
Cultural Studies Elective 1 ³		3
American Lit After 1850 ^{**}		3
3000/4000 level Elective Class ^{*,4}		3
Credit Hours		15
Second Semester		
Cultural Studies Elective 2 ³		3
Survey of Literature (C1) ^{*,5}		3
English Elective 2 ^{*,2}		3
English Elective 3 ^{*,2}		3
American Lit Before 1850 (ENGL 5XXX) ^{**,4}		3
Credit Hours		12
Senior		
First Semester		
ENGL 4011	Critical Theory	3
English Elective 4 ^{*,2}		3
English Elective 5 ^{*,2}		3
British Lit After 1660 ^{**}		3
3000/4000 level Elective Class ^{*,4}		3
Credit Hours		12
Second Semester		
3000/4000 level Non-English Class ⁴		3
English Elective 6 ^{*,2}		3
ENGL 4950	Senior Capstone ((Depends on course rotation))	3
3000/4000 level Elective Class ^{*,2}		3
British Lit before 1660 ^{*,7}		3
Credit Hours		12
Fifth Year		
First Semester		
ART 5000 or MUSC 5000 or MATH 5000 or PHIL 5000	Great Works in Art History (Satisfies the MALS Foundation requirement) or Great Works in Music History or History of Mathematics or Classics in Philosophy	3
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MALS 6995 or MALS 6890	Master's Thesis Research or Non-Thesis Prof Paper Research	3
MALS 5000	Intro. to Graduate Studies	3

ENGL 5000	Great Books	3
Credit Hours		15
Second Semester		
MALS 6999 or MALS 6899	Master's Thesis Preparation or Non-Thesis Comprehensive Exam	1-3
Graduate level English Elective ⁶		3
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Credit Hours		7-9
Total Credit Hours		134-136

Optional Summer Semester Between Senior and Fifth Year

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Graduate level English Elective ⁶		3
Graduate level English Elective ⁶		3
MALS 5000	Intro. to Graduate Studies	3
Total Credit Hours		9

If students choose the Optional Summer Semester between Senior and Fifth Year, they only need to take nine credits in the first semester and six credits in the second semester of their fifth year.

* Classes with one asterisk can be taken either 2nd semester sophomore or either semester junior years. But you still need to maintain rotation and take an asterisk course - it just could be one of the other asterisked courses.

¹ Grade of B required in ENGL 3100 Intro to Literary Studies and ENGL 3110 Intro to Writing Studies for acceptance to the program.

² English Electives (6 courses total) - Any 3000- or 4000-level English course.

³ Cultural Studies Electives (2 courses total)

⁴ Guided Electives (4 courses total) - any 3000- or 4000 level non-English course.

⁵ Survey of Literature (C1) - Students may take any English 2000 survey course to satisfy this requirement.

⁶ Graduate Level English Electives (4 courses total) - Any 5000 level non-English course.

⁷ Course counts towards both degrees.