



What can I do with an English Degree?

English classes provide students with a broad range of skills – writing skills, communication skills, research skills, analytical skills, and critical thinking skills – which are needed in diverse fields. So English majors can do a variety of jobs.

Consider the following list of careers:

Teacher	School Administrator
Curriculum Developer	Book Editor
Journal Editor	Copy Editor
Newspaper Editor	Managing Editor
Reporter	Content Writer
Speech Writer	Screen Writer
Corporate Writer	Grant Writer
Web Content Mgr	Web Developer
Content Marketing	Communications Mgr
Sales Account Mgr	IT Project Mgr
Proposal Mgr	Marketing Director
HR Generalist	Publication Assistant
Public Affairs Specialist	Lawyer

The English Program is a collaboration among the Department of Literatures & Cultural Studies and Department of Writing & Language Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and the Creative Writing Program in the College of Fine Arts.

The BA and MA in English at UTRGV offer students an opportunity to discover more about the world they live in, to learn to appreciate the artistic works of fellow human beings, and to develop literary, linguistic, and rhetorical aptitudes of their own. To students who view education primarily as career training, English programs provide excellent preparation for any profession requiring a high degree of skill and comprehension in oral and written communication.

Literatures & Cultural Studies Office Locations

<https://www.utrgv.edu/literatures/undergraduate/fast-track-4-1/index.htm>

Department of Literature & Cultural Studies –LTCS

Brownsville Campus Office

BSABH 2.202, 956-882-8246

Edinburg Campus Office

ELABS 211, 956-665-3421

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Blvd.
Brownsville, TX 78520

1201 West University
Dr.
Edinburg, TX 78539



English 4+1 BA/MA Program



Information on the 5-year dual degree option for a Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Arts in English with a concentration in Literature degree



4+1 Fast - Track Option Process

- **Process**

Apply **Spring** semester Junior year at the following link:

<https://www.utrgv.edu/gradapply/>

- **Requirements**

3.5 GPA in Upper-level ENGL courses

3.0 GPA overall

90 hrs. complete by beginning of senior year

- **Application Materials:**

Statement of Interest/Purpose

Transcripts

Writing Sample (from ENGL course)

Apply senior year to MA Program

(if accepted, grad hours carry over)

- **Schedule**

Fall senior year: two graduate courses
(course should line up with BA & MA requirements to satisfy both degrees) & two UG courses

Spring senior year: two graduate courses
(courses should line up with BA & MA requirements to satisfy both degrees)

Summer after BA: two graduate courses

Fall MA (year 5): three graduate courses

Spring MA (year 5): three graduate courses & complete Portfolio, or two graduate courses & Thesis



4+1= 2° (2 Hot degrees)

The BA/MA degree option in English is designed to provide qualified students the means to complete the requirements for both the BA and MA in a period of five years.

A key feature of the option allows students to get a head start on fulfilling the course requirements for the MA by taking up to 12 hours of graduate-level courses (that will count as dual undergraduate and graduate credit) during their senior year. These 12 hours of dual-credit courses will allow students to both finish the requirements for the BA and begin the requirements for the MA in English.

Students who pursue this option can be registered in any of the five English concentrations at the BA level but would be taking graduate courses toward the English MA in the Literatures & Cultural Studies Concentration. The graduate hours taken while still enrolled as an undergraduate could be applied toward the specific Area requirements of the English BA degree plan (where applicable) or as general electives.

Course Rotation

Year 1

FALL

ENGL 6300: Intro to Literary Studies & 3 Undergrad courses

ENGL 6308: Mexican American Literature

SPRING

ENGL 6302: Studies in Literary History

ENGL 6306: Studies in Comparative Literature

SUMMER I

ENGL 6315: Cultural Studies

SUMMER II

ENGL 6304: Studies in British Literature

YEAR 2

FALL – THESIS TRACK

Choose one Rhetoric/Composition Graduate Course

Choose one Linguistics Graduate Course

ENGL 7300: THESIS I

FALL – PORTFOLIO TRACK

One Rhetoric/Composition Graduate Course

Two ENGL Electives

SPRING – THESIS TRACK

ENGL 6301: Studies in Literary Theory

ENGL 6312: Studies in Single Author

ENGL 7301: THESIS II

SPRING – PORTFOLIO TRACK

ENGL 6301: Studies in Literary Theory

ENGL 6312: Studies in Single Author

One Linguistics Graduate Course

PORTFOLIO

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