

4+1 BA/MA Programs in English

This new program allows outstanding students in the Department of English to complete a BA and MA in five years.

Two options are offered: the 4+1 in English and the 4+1 in English and Creative Writing. The first option will focus on the study of literature in English; the second option, while distinct from the MFA program, will emphasize creative writing. Both programs lead to the MA.

Students considering the 4 + 1 program should consult with their advisor as early as possible, stipulate which option she/he wishes to pursue, and make formal application to the department by the end of their junior year.

Application Process for the 4+1 in English:

1. Each applicant must submit the "Petition to Apply to the Combined BA//MA (4+1) Degree Program," approved by her/his advisor, to the department for approval.
2. Applicants who are admitted to the 4+1 program must apply to the Graduate School by the annual deadline of 15 January. There is a dedicated "English 4+1" Graduate School application available at:
<https://graduateapplications.vanderbilt.edu/>
3. Applicants must provide all materials required by the online Graduate School application, which include:

Transcripts

GRE scores [we do *not* require the English literature subject test]

Recommendation Letters

Statement of Purpose

Writing Sample

4. If admitted to the graduate program, MA candidates must fulfill the requirements for the MA, which include:

24 hours of graduate-level coursework (six 4-hour seminars)

A Master's Thesis, as described on the department's PhD-program website

If appropriate, a student may begin graduate coursework in her/his final undergraduate year. This must be arranged in consultation with the Director of Graduate Studies.

Application Process for the 4+1 in English and Creative Writing:

1. Each applicant must submit the "Petition to Apply to the Combined BA//MA (4+1) Degree Program," approved by her/his advisor, to the Creative Writing Program director for approval.
2. Applicants who are admitted to the 4+1 program must apply to the Graduate School by the annual deadline of 15 January. A dedicated "English & Creative Writing 4+1" Graduate School application is available at:
<https://graduateapplications.vanderbilt.edu/>
3. Applicants must provide all materials required by the online Graduate School application, which include: Transcripts

GRE scores [we do *not* require the English literature subject test]

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4. If admitted to the graduate program, MA candidates must fulfill the requirements for the MA, which include:

24 hours of graduate-level coursework (16 hours of the coursework for the "MA in English & Creative Writing" would be in writing workshops, and 4-8 hours in forms of writing courses.)

A Master's Thesis, as described on the department's Ph.D.-program website

If appropriate, a student may begin graduate coursework in her/his final undergraduate year. This must be arranged in consultation with the Director of the Creative Writing Program.