

**Application Procedures for the Combined BA-MA Program in English**  
**Applications Due: October 1 (for spring semester start)**  
**and January 1 (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 leads to English Teacher Certification; students may also select not to earn English Teacher Certification.

***Who is eligible?***

All Stony Brook University English majors in their 6<sup>th</sup> 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 .pdf file of the **English MA Program Application**. On the application form, write in large print at the top of the first page: "COMBINED BA-MA ENGLISH." The application form is available at the following website:  
<http://www.grad.sunysb.edu/prospective/applying/pdf/susb0104.pdf>.
2. You must also complete the one-page **Combined Bachelor's/Master's Degree Application**, available on the following website:  
<http://stonybrook.edu/pep/docs/CombinedDegreeAdmissionApplication.pdf>
3. 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>.
4. Select and include **10 pages of your best critical writing** (1 or 2 papers from English classes is best).
5. If you would like to be considered for the **English Teacher Certification Program as well**, complete the **PEP Admissions Essay** (see below) and turn it in with the rest of your application materials. *If you do not include this essay, 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.
6. **Turn in all materials** in a large envelope to Janet Meckley, 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?***

Applications are due on or before **October 1** (for spring semester start) or **January 15** (for fall semester start)

***Is there an application fee?***

No. There is no application fee.

***Must I take the GREs?***

You do not need to take the Graduate Record Exam (GREs) yet. You may need to take them when you enter official graduate student status, but it is not a requirement for admission to this 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 #5 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 in your chosen field.

The full text of the *PEP Conceptual Framework* may be found at:

<http://stonybrook.edu/pep/CA1KQT57.htm>

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

<http://stonybrook.edu/pep/PEPabridgedCF.htm>

***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 the Director of Graduate Studies in English.*

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