

# ACCELERATED B.A. IN ENGLISH (WRITING & RHETORIC)/M.A. IN ENGLISH (WRITING & RHETORIC)

**Web Site:** <https://twu.edu/english-rhetoric-spanish/ba-ma-accelerated-program-in-english/>

## Admissions

### Program Coordinator

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### Application Deadlines

- Fall - June 1<sup>st</sup>
- Spring - October 1<sup>st</sup>
- No summer admissions

### Admission Requirements

To apply to the Accelerated Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts in English program, students must:

- Be currently enrolled in the B.A. in English Literature (<http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/english-rhetoric-spanish/english-ba/>), or Writing and Rhetoric (<http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/english-rhetoric-spanish/english-ba-writ-rhet/>) tracks at TWU. The program is not currently open to students in the Teacher Certification track.
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0. at the time of application.
- Have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 in all upper-division coursework.
- Have successfully completed a minimum of 72 but no more than 90 semester credit hours of coursework toward the B.A.
- Have a minimum of 12 hours remaining in English courses toward the major.

### How to Apply to the Accelerated Program

Students interested in applying to this accelerated program are encouraged to contact the Program Coordinator prior to applying. Writing samples and statements of purpose are of particular importance in the application process.

- Complete the Accelerated Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts in English online application (<http://bit.ly/esflbmap/>).
- Applicants must submit the following materials as PDFs in a single email to the Program Coordinator. Include the student's name and TWU I.D. number with "BMAP Documents" in the subject line.
  - A statement of purpose.
  - An academic writing sample of 10-15 pages (double-spaced). Writing samples should demonstrate the ability to make well-researched arguments with effective proofs; to use clear, articulate prose; and to employ a standard style such as MLA or APA to document sources.

- Three academic references should submit letters of recommendation as PDFs on institutional or organizational letterhead directly to the Program Coordinator. Recommenders should include the applicant's name and "BMAP in English" in the subject line.

Students accepted to the accelerated BA/MA in English program should apply to the Master of Arts in English (<https://twu.edu/english-rhetoric-spanish/graduate-programs/ma-in-english/>) during their final undergraduate semester. Documents (statement of purpose, writing sample, and three reference letters) provided as part of the application for the accelerated program will carry forward to the graduate application and do not need to be resubmitted.

Students must apply for graduate admission by March 1 if graduating in May or August, or October 1 if graduating in December. Students interested in a graduate assistantship should also submit an application to the Language, Culture, and Gender Studies Chair by the same deadline.

### Accelerated Graduate Program Policy Guidelines

Students may apply to the accelerated graduate degree program once they have attained advanced junior standing with at least 72 undergraduate semester credit hours (SCH). Upon admission to an accelerated program, students with senior standing (90 earned SCH) may enroll in graduate courses for credit. Approved courses will apply to both an undergraduate and a graduate degree.

### Conditions

- Undergraduate students may enroll in no more than 6 SCH of graduate coursework in each semester or term.
- Minimal criteria for admission will include a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0. The program may set higher GPA requirements as outlined on their TWU graduate program website at the time of graduate application.
- Once admitted to an accelerated program, students must maintain a 3.0 GPA throughout the remainder of their baccalaureate degree, or their admission to the accelerated graduate program may be revoked. Academic components may set additional requirements for their programs.

### Graduate Application Process

All students must meet the University requirements as outlined in the Admission to the TWU Graduate School (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/>) section of the catalog.

This academic program may have additional graduate admission criteria that must also be completed as outlined on the graduate program's website.