

ACADEMIC ROADMAP
English BA & MA Combined Pathway
Fall 2026

For students who declare the English BA & MA Combined Pathway in Spring 2026 or later and complete the English BA in their fourth year and the English MA in their fifth year. (Continuing on to the MA in English is not required to enroll in the Combined Pathway Program.)

Freshman Year (30 credits)

FIRST SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
College Writing I	CWP 101	
Introduction to Literature	ENG 190	
GE23 elective		
GE23 Math		
GE23 elective		

SECOND SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Argumentation and Research	CWP 102	CWP 101
Literary Movements	ENG 250	Sophomore, Junior, or Senior standing
Elective or minor		
GE23 elective		
GE23 elective		

FRESHMAN YEAR — Notes and recommendations:

- You should attend at least one faculty office hour for each of your classes, visit the Academic Excellence Center (math, writing, and general tutoring), and view your degree audit sheet in Degree Works this year.
- You should also meet with your faculty advisor each semester before registration.

Sophomore Year (60 credits)

THIRD SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
English Elective		
GE23 Natural Science		
GE23 elective		
General elective or minor		
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FOURTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Major Author	ENG 315 or ENG 322	
English elective		
GE23 Diversity / English elective		
General elective or minor		
General elective or minor		

SOPHOMORE YEAR — Notes and recommendations:

- Consider enrolling in a complementary minor like Writing, Diverse Literatures, Film Studies, Philosophy, or History.
- You should also meet with your faculty advisor each semester before registration.
- Keep in mind that for the BA/MA Combined Pathway, you need:
 - a total of three courses in literature before 1900 (not all sophomore year);
 - a total of nine upper-division (3-credit) literature and theory courses (this includes the required ENG 315 or 322, ENG 390, and ENG 490). The graduate-level courses will ALSO count toward this requirement;
 - at least 45 total upper-division credits overall. The graduate-level courses will ALSO count toward this requirement.

Junior Year (90 credits)

FIFTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
English Upper-Division elective		One English literature course
General elective or minor - UD		
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General elective or minor		
General elective or minor		

SIXTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Literary Theory	ENG 390	ENG 190, ENG 250
English Upper-Division elective		One English literature course
General elective or minor – UD		
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General elective or minor		

JUNIOR YEAR — Notes and recommendations:

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- Talk to your faculty advisor about internships and graduate school.
- Keep in mind that for the BA/MA Combined Pathway, you need:
 - a total of three courses in literature before 1900;
 - at least nine upper division (300- or 400-level) courses (27 total credits) in your major program (this includes Major Author, ENG390, and ENG490). The graduate-level courses will ALSO count toward this requirement.
 - at least 45 total upper-division credits overall. The graduate-level courses will ALSO count toward this requirement.

Senior Year (120 credits)

SEVENTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Research in Language & Lit	ENG 601	
Graduate English elective	ENG 6XX	

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General elective or minor		
General elective or minor		
General elective or minor		

EIGHTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Senior Seminar	ENG 490	ENG 390
Topics in British Literature	ENG 612 (elective recommendation)	
Studies in Literary Genres	ENG 639 (elective recommendation)	
General elective or minor		
General elective or minor		

SENIOR YEAR — Notes and recommendations:

- Consider registering for the Buffalo State MA program. If you were in the Combined Pathway program, the application fee will be waived.
- Apply for graduation; apply to graduate school, if applicable; visit the Career & Professional Education Center to have your resume reviewed.
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- You should also meet with your faculty advisor each semester before registration.
- Talk to your faculty advisor about internships and graduate school.
- Remember:
 - You need a total of three courses in literature before 1900;
 - You need at least nine upper division (300- or 400-level) courses (27 total credits) in your major program (this includes Major Author, ENG390, and ENG490);
 - You need at least 45 total upper-division credits overall.

Fifth Year (150 credits)

NINTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
World Lit	ENG 6XX	
Graduate elective	ENG 6XX	
Graduate elective	ENG 6XX	

TENTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
American Literature	ENG 6XX	
Graduate elective or thesis	ENG 6XX or ENG 695	
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MA Program — Notes and recommendations:

- You need to take the English MA Comprehensive Exam to complete the MA degree.
- Apply for graduation; apply to other graduate schools, if applicable; visit the Career & Professional Education Center to have your resume reviewed.