

# ACCELERATED ENGLISH, M.A.

## Program Details

Department: English  
 Modality: In-person  
 Concentrations: n/a  
 Semester Hours: 28-30

### 4+1 Accelerated Master of Arts in English Studies

#### Background

The 4+1 Accelerated Master of Arts in English Studies (AMES) program is designed for top undergraduate LMU students who are pursuing a major in English and wish to complete the M.A. in English one year after completing the bachelor's degree. Students admitted to the 4+1 AMES program will take two 5000-level English courses (8 semester hours) in their senior year (included in undergraduate tuition) that will count toward both the bachelor's degree and the MA in English degree. In addition, students will take ENGL 6600 Critical Methodologies in Fall semester of their senior year. Accepted students should contact the Graduate Director for advice for scheduling classes in the senior and fifth year.

#### Admissions Criteria for the 4+1 Master of Arts in English Program

Undergraduate LMU English majors or minors may apply to the 4+1 AMES program after they reach junior standing and have completed at least one upper division English class by end of first semester junior year with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher for courses taken to date. The application includes:

- Personal statement
- Current resume
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 and five upper division undergraduate English courses

#### Model 4+1 AMES Plan

Accepted students should contact the Graduate Director for advice for scheduling classes in the senior and fifth year. A model course of study for the 4+1 AMES includes ENGL 6600 in fall of the senior year, plus two 5000-level seminars in fall, spring or summer of the senior year, followed by three graduate courses in fall and spring of the following year, and one summer course to complete the requirements.

#### Literature Emphasis 4+1 Course of Study

##### Fall – Senior Year

6000-level: Critical Methodology

##### Spring – Senior Year

5000-level Literature  
 5000-level Creative Writing

##### Summer – Graduate Year

5000-level Literature

##### Fall – Graduate Year

5000-level Literature or 5000-level Rhetoric  
 5000-level Literature  
 6000-level Literature (Major/author/period/genre)

##### Spring – Graduate Year

6000-level: Capstone Class  
 5000-level Creative Writing or 5000-level Literature  
 6000-level Literature (Major author/period/genre)

#### Creative Writing Emphasis 4+1 Course of Study

##### Fall – Senior Year

6000-level: Critical Methodology

##### Spring – Senior Year

5000-level Creative Writing  
 5000-level Literature

##### Summer – Graduate Year

5000-level Creative Writing

##### Fall – Graduate Year

5000-level Literature  
 5000-level Literature or 5000-level Rhetoric  
 6000-level Creative Writing

##### Spring – Graduate Year

6000-level: Capstone Class  
 5000-level Creative Writing  
 6000-level Literature (Major author/period/genre)

#### Rhetoric and Composition 4+1 Course of Study

##### Fall – Senior Year

6000-level: Critical Methodology

##### Spring – Senior Year

5000-level Linguistics or Reading Theory  
 5000-level Literature

##### Summer – Graduate Year

5000-level Literature

##### Fall – Graduate Year

5000-level Theory of Teaching Writing & Literature  
 5000-level Rhetoric  
 6000-level Literature (Major/author/period/genre)

##### Spring – Graduate Year

6000-level: Capstone Class  
 6000-level Rhetoric  
 6000-level Literature (Major author/period/genre)