

FAQ Page for B.A. Concentration in English Literature

Question: What is the 4+1 program that I've been hearing about?

Answer: The accelerated Bachelor of Arts to Master of Arts program in English allows advanced English majors (both Creative Writing and Literature Concentrations) to begin work for their MA in English at Georgia College in their final year of undergraduate studies. Students may apply to the program at any time, even before enrolling at Georgia College. Any students applying before their third year of undergraduate study may be given provisional admission pending completion of the requirements listed in the [catalog](#). Contact Dr. Julian Knox for more information.

Advising

Question: Who is my advisor, and how do I contact her?

Answer: Christine Amezquita is the Literature Program's professional advisor. Her office is located in 200 Lanier Hall and her phone number is 478-445-2309.

Question: When should I see my advisor and when should I consult a professor?

Answer: Students should meet with their academic advisor to review their degree progress once or twice per year, typically coinciding with registration; advisors help students determine what requirements they need to fulfill to complete the degree as well as prepare for career and life goals. We recommend that students meet with faculty to explore individually designed capstone options, mentoring opportunities like extra-curricular research projects, and career and life goals.

Area F

Question: When should I take Area F courses (ENGL 2120 British Literature, ENGL 2130 American Literature, ENGL 2150 Shakespeare, ENGL 2160 International Literature, ENGL 2200 Writing about Literature)?

Answer: We recommend that students take Area F classes before taking upper-division courses because sophomore level survey and writing courses are designed to prepare students for specialized periods and topics at the junior and senior levels.

Capstones

Question: What are the capstone options, and what is the process for scheduling a capstone?

Answer: For students completing their degree under the 2017-2018 catalog or before, there are four capstones options: writing a thesis, completing an internship, studying abroad, or taking IDST 4999 with a research project. Students on 2017-2018 catalog or before must use this [capstone permission form](#). For students completing their degree under the 2018-2019 catalog or before, there are six capstone options: writing a thesis, completing an internship, completing a special research project in an upper-division course, working in Writers in the Schools, or taking the journal editing class. The internship or special research project may be completed while studying abroad. Students on the 2018-2019 catalog or after must use this [capstone permission form](#).

Degree Requirements

Question: I am completing my degree requirements under the 2017-2018 catalog or before. I am preparing to register for classes, but I don't see any courses that fulfill a needed requirement. What should I do?

Answer: Beginning with the 2018-2019 catalog, a number of courses that served as requirements for prior catalog years were deactivated, and a number of courses were created. Check with the professional advisor for a list of current course offerings that can be substituted to fulfill a requirement from a previous catalog year.

Graduate School

Question: I cannot decide if I want to go to graduate school. What should I do?

Answer: If you are thinking about graduate school, ask a trusted professor and your professional advisor for advice. The Literature Program and Career Center co-sponsor an English major career workshop in the fall, and the

Literature Program sponsors a graduate school application workshop in the spring. A timeline for the application process is [here](#).

Honors Options

Question: I am in the Honors College. How do I schedule an Honors option?

Answer: Consult with a professor in a non-Honors course about a special project that could serve as an Honors Option assignment. Complete and sign [the Honors Option form](#).

Research Funding

Question: Is it true that I can potentially receive funding for my research?

Answer: Yes, you can work with a faculty mentor to apply for a [summer research grant](#) in which you conduct research advised by a professor, and you can apply for a [student individual travel grant](#) to fund a conference presentation. Both funding opportunities are offered by MURACE (Mentored Undergraduate Research And Creative Endeavors).