

**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY SIGNATURE
PAGE PROPOSAL FOR A COMBINED
BACHELOR’S/MASTER’S PATHWAY**

COLLEGE NAME: Arts and Sciences

DEPARTMENT NAME (if applicable): English

BACHELOR’S DEGREE: (incl. C.I.P. Code and Degree Type): 23.0101 B.A.

MASTER’S DEGREE: (incl. C.I.P. Code and Degree Type): 23.0101 M.A.

NAME OF COMBINED PATHWAY: Bachelor of Arts (BA) English: Literature, Media, and Culture/Master of /

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COMBINED PATHWAY DIRECTOR (print name and email):

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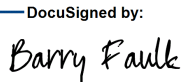
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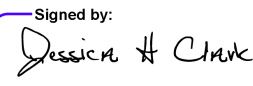
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Academic Dean

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UPC (Dean of Undergraduate Studies)

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Dean of The Graduate School (or designee)

Date

VP for Faculty Development and Advancement

Date

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date

*If the composition of the combined pathway includes two degree programs from two separate departments or colleges, then please attach two separate signature pages showing the approvals from the different units.

Prior to routing the combined pathway proposal to the Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC) for signatures, it should be submitted to Mr. James Beck in The Graduate School (jpbbeck@fsu.edu) and Dr. Amy Guerette in the Office of Faculty Development and Advancement (aguerette@fsu.edu) for review.

Combined Pathway:
Bachelor of Arts (BA) English: Literature, Media, and Culture/Master of Arts (MA)
English: Literature, Media, and Culture

Purpose and Justification of establishing the Combined Pathway

The Combined Pathway in Literature, Media, and Culture (LMC) will provide talented and ambitious undergraduate students an opportunity to do more advanced work earlier in their academic career and thus improve their post-graduation outcomes. Many of our majors arrive at FSU having completed advanced International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) credits in high school English, and we have found that the top tier of our undergrad majors are hungry to develop higher-order skills in the areas of analysis and interpretation through more focused work.

The Combined Pathway will attract students who are ready to undertake deeper and more sophisticated engagement with literature, media, and culture. Students in the pathway will be exposed to advanced theories, and approaches that will enrich their undergraduate experience and set them up for success in the graduate degree or other professional work by preparing them to move more quickly into graduate courses. Combining 9 hours of graduate courses into the undergraduate curriculum allows advanced students to build both breadth and depth. Those interested in pursuing careers in a number of areas such as teaching, editing, publishing, journalism, and media will be better positioned to compete in the job market. Similarly, for those interested in pursuing a doctoral degree in English or an advanced degree in Law, the combined pathway track serves as evidence of high motivation, discipline, and interpretive and analytical capacities.

We are confident that there is student interest in this option. Many of our best students express an interest in pursuing graduate degrees. A Qualtrics survey of all of our majors with 75 or more credit hours, which constituted a total of 104 students, revealed that 87% of respondents were very interested in continuing their education. Of those, 30% planned to continue their English studies specifically at FSU, while 52% were still undecided and may consider FSU. Most relevant was that 61% expressed interest in a Combined Pathway program in LMC, while 41% said that they were very interested in applying to the LMC graduate program in general. Overall, the survey indicates that there is sufficient interest from students. Anecdotal evidence also supports these findings.

Admission Criteria and Operating Procedures

Eligibility for Admission to the Combined Pathway in Literature, Media, and Culture (LMC) at Florida State University (FSU):

- completed a minimum of 60 hours towards their undergraduate degree (beginning of junior year).
- a minimum 3.50 cumulative GPA and 3.75 GPA in the major.

Application and Admission Process for the BA portion of the Pathway:

1. In the Fall semester of their junior year, interested students will submit an application by October 1st.
2. The application materials must include:
 - completed application form (can be found on the English Department website – link will be added once program is approved)
 - cover letter describing interest in the combined pathway
 - a writing sample
 - one recommendation letter from an LMC faculty member.
3. Admission into the program will be determined by a sub-committee consisting of LMC program faculty and the program director. This selective program is only open to the most motivated, well-prepared, and high-achieving students. Successful applicants must reflect the highest standards of undergraduate study. Students must also demonstrate evidence of an ability to do higher level study in Literature, Media, and Culture.
4. Accepted students will be notified by October 20th.

Application and Admission Process into the MA portion of the pathway:

Students who intend to continue in the pathway must apply separately to the English MA program in LMC. This would occur in the second semester of the combined Pathway program (typically Fall of their Senior year – 90 or more credit hours).

1. Admission to the MA program is competitive and not guaranteed.
2. Pathways students must earn an average A- (3.75) or above in their graduate LMC courses to be eligible.
3. Information about the application process to the MA is available at <https://english.fsu.edu/graduate-studies/info-prospective-students#degree>.
4. Students accepted in to the MA portion of the pathway will be notified in early Spring of their senior year, typically February 15.

Advising:

1. Combined Pathway students will meet with the department's Senior Academic Program Specialist (APS) at least once a semester for the duration of the undergraduate portion of their degree in order to make sure that they are on track for completing the BA requirements while enrolling for the requisite graduate courses.

2. The Senior APS will monitor enrollment in the program and keep students notified of course requirements, enrollment windows, and application deadlines.
3. Each student will be assigned an advanced graduate student mentor upon entry into the pathway. The student will choose a faculty member as chair of their Capstone committee.
4. Once accepted into the MA portion of the pathway, students will continue working with the APS and their chosen faculty advisor.

Curriculum

The student will start doing coursework in the Combined Pathways program after completing 60 undergraduate hours. At this point in their progress towards the BA degree, the student will have completed all or most of their core required courses in LMC (ENG2012 Intro to English Studies, ENG3014 Understanding Theory, LIT3112 Literary History I, and LIT3124 Literary History II).

Combined Credit Courses

Once accepted into the Combined Pathways program, students may begin taking the following 3 graduate courses for combined undergrad/grad credit. There is no prescribed order for taking these classes. Students are normally expected to take at least one but no more than two Graduate courses for Combined Credit in each of their last three semesters as undergraduates.

- 1) ENL 5227 Studies in Renaissance Literature, which could satisfy our Graduate requirement in pre-1660, 1660-1800, or pre-1800.
- 2) ENG 5049 Studies in Critical Theory.
- 3) LIT 5517 Studies in Gender in Literature

(2) and (3) might satisfy any of our historical requirements and/or our alterity requirement, depending on the course content for the particular section and semester. The student will need to work with our APS and our department administrators (Program Director and Associate Chair of Graduate Studies) to determine which requirements are met.

A student may substitute another graduate course for one of these courses with the permission of the Associate Chair of Graduate Studies if a seminar offered in a particular semester is important for the student's course of study.

Our Associate Chair of Graduate Studies keeps close track monitoring to make sure that the courses designated to fulfill particular historical and alterity requirements provide the necessary material and context. Courses that fulfill our historical and alterity requirements are frequently offered in our graduate curriculum and are so designated

each semester on our website, depending on the particular content (<https://english.fsu.edu/graduate-courses>).

BA Degree Requirements for English with a major in Literature, Media, and Culture

To complete their undergraduate degree requirements in English, undergraduates normally take 12 courses (36 credit hours). Pathways students will finish their major by taking:

- the three graduate courses listed above as electives, (our BA students ordinarily have three electives in our major).
- four required core courses: ENG 2012 Introduction to English Studies, ENG 3014 Understanding Theory, LIT 3112 Literary History I, and LIT 3124 Literary History II.
- four distribution electives, one in Understanding Genres, one in Pre-1800, and two in Diversity. Instead of taking two Diversity electives, undergraduates in the Pathways program may substitute one of their Diversity electives with a graduate course that meets the Alterity requirement.
- ENG 4934, a Senior Seminar, our undergraduate Capstone.

MA Degree Requirements for English with a major in Literature, Media, and Culture

To complete the MA, students must take 11 courses (33 credit hours) including:

- Gateway theory course: Issues in Literary and Cultural Studies (ENG 5079).
- One course pre-1660.
- One additional course pre-1800.
- One additional course 1660-1900.
- 2 courses in an Area of Concentration.

The student chooses one from a list of possible Areas of Concentration that includes:

Medieval and Early Modern Literary and Cultural Studies (through 1660)
Literary and Cultural Studies of the Long 18th and 19th centuries
Literary and Cultural Studies of the Long 20th and 21st Centuries
African American, African, and African Caribbean Literature and Culture
Film and Media
History of Text Technologies
Theory

(courses that belong to these concentrations are clearly marked on our website each semester)

- 1 literature course whose chief organizing principle is alterity (i.e., a course that focuses on race, class, gender, ability, sexual orientation, or ethnicity).
- 3 additional elective courses.
- Capstone (ENG 5835).

Additionally, students must demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language for an MA.

- The approved graduate courses for Combined Pathway students may satisfy any of these requirements depending on the content assigned by the instructor in the course.

Combined Pathway Curriculum
BA English: Literature, Media, and Culture Major
MA English: Literature, Media, and Culture Major

	BA Degree in English with Major in Literature, Media and, Culture	Graduate Course for combined BA/MA credit	MA Degree in English with Major in Literature, Media and, Culture	Total hours For Combined Pathway
	ENG 2012 (3 hours)	ENL 5227 (3 hours)	ENG 5079 (3 hours)	
	ENG 3014 (3 hours)	ENG 5049 (3 hours)	pre-1660 (3 hours)	
	LIT 3112 (3 hours)	LIT 5517 (3 hours)	Pre-1800 (3 hours)	
	LIT 3124 (3 hours)		1660-1900 (3 hours)	
	Diversity Req. (6 hours)		Concentration electives (6 hours)	
	Genre Req. (3 hours)		Alterity Req. (3 hours)	
	Pre-1800 course (3 hours)		ENG 5835 (3 hours)	
	ENG 4934 (3 hours)			
	27 hours	9 hours	24 hours	60 hours

Continued Bachelor's/Master's Pathway
BA English: Literature, Media, Culture/MA
English: Literature, Media, Culture

**Bachelor's Degree
Program Courses**

- _____
- _____
- ENG2012 (3 credits)
- ENG3014 (3 credits)
- LIT3112 (3 credits)
- LIT3124 (3 credits)
- ~~Diversity req. (6 credits)~~
- Genre req. (3 credits)
- Pre-1800 (3 credits)
- ENG4934 (3 credits)
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Credits from
Bachelor's Degree: 27

**Master's Degree
Program Courses**

- _____
- ENG 5079 (3 credits)
- Pre-1600 (3 credits)
- Pre-1800 (3 credits)
- ~~1660-1900 (3 credits)~~
- Concentration electives (6 credits)
- Alterity req. (3 credits)
- ENG 5835 (3 credits)
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**Credits from
Master's Degree:** 24

**Graduate Courses
taken as an Undergraduate**

- ENL 5027 (3 credits)
- ENG 5094 (3 credits)
- LIT5517 (3 credits)
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Total Shared Credits:
9
limit 12 credits

Total Combined Pathway Credit Hours: 60 hours