**ENGLISH AMP**

**OVERVIEW**

Accelerated Master’s Degree (AMP) programs are designed to allow current UVM undergraduate students to earn both bachelor’s and master’s degrees within a total of five years. Accepted AMP students in the department of English begin work toward their MA during their senior year while completing the BA. Six credits are taken in the senior year that count toward both the BA and the MA. An additional graduate-level course taken prior to award of the bachelor’s, beyond the six double counted credits, may be used for the master’s, provided the course does not also count toward the bachelor’s degree. Three credits toward the MA are then taken in the summer after graduation, and the remaining MA credits (nine per semester) are completed in year 5.

**SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

**Requirements for Admission to Graduate Studies for the Degree of Master of arts for Accelerated Students**

An undergraduate major in English or its equivalent with evidence (in the form of transcripts, letters of recommendation from UVM faculty members, and writing sample) that the applicant’s undergraduate career has adequately prepared him or her for the particular demands of graduate study (please contact the Director of Graduate Studies with questions regarding preparedness for graduate-level study of English); minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0; and demonstration of proficiency in writing (both by a statement of purpose detailing the applicant’s academic interests and research agenda and by the writing sample).

AMP students must choose the thesis or comprehensive option before the end of their senior year. Those AMP students electing to follow the thesis track must identify the thesis advisor before the end of the senior year. By the end of that academic year these thesis students will also submit a comprehensive reading list that will be the basis of preparation for the thesis exam. Those AMP students electing to follow the comprehensive track will choose advisors and submit reading lists for three field exams by the end of their senior year.

**Minimum Degree Requirements for the Degree of Master of arts**

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the entire examination. Any student who fails any part of the re-examination must leave the Master's program.

Requirements for Advancement to Candidacy for the Degree of Master of arts
Completion of the above requirements.