ENGLISH AND LITERATURE, BA/ADOLESCENT, MST

Campus: NYC

With the B-STEP (Bridge to Secondary Teacher Education Program) Combined Degree Programs, current English and Literature BA majors can pursue a career in teaching English to middle and high school students. Choose a single certification option with the Adolescent Education MST (grades 7-12) or the dual certification option combined with Special Education. Graduate coursework will begin during your senior year and continue throughout the summer, with twelve credits serving as BOTH SOE graduate and Dyson undergraduate open elective credits.

The five-year combined degree program supports majors in English Language and Literature in pursuing in-depth academic study within their major as well as graduate coursework in pedagogy and theories of education. Students graduate from this program with the teacher certification needed for employment in schools in New York State.

Students in this combined degree program will enjoy advanced study in their chosen concentration within the English major-- either Creative Writing, Literature, Culture and Media, or Language and Linguistics-- and in their junior and senior years will begin taking courses that will help them develop the specific skills and credentials needed to be an effective teacher. As English majors, they will benefit from the NYC English Department’s nationally-recognized model (https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2023/04/04/colleges-deploy-new-strategies-revive-english-programs/) of experiential learning, faculty mentorship, small courses, illustrious guest speakers, writers, artists, and activists, and an active writing community.

Students must apply by the spring semester of their junior year. The bachelor’s and master’s degrees are both conveyed at the end of the 5th year. Please speak to your Academic Advisor for more information.