

# ENGLISH/JD DEGREE ACCELERATED, BA

## Bachelor of Arts in English/Juris Doctor Degree Accelerated

The BA/JD degree is an accelerated program which allows highly qualified and disciplined students to earn a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Juris Doctor degree in six years (180 credits) instead of the usual seven by completing 29 credits from the first year of law school toward the bachelor's degree.

### Requirements for Admission

Admission to the program as a freshman requires an ACT of 25 (SAT of 980) and a high school GPA of 3.4; admission of transfer and ICT students requires a GPA of 3.4, thus seeking to attract higher performing students. Any University of Akron English majors may apply for inclusion into the 3+3 program at the same time they apply for admission to the English BA program, or anytime while enrolled as an English major at the University of Akron. Admission to the BA/JD accelerated program does not constitute admission to the Law School, which requires a separate application during the third year of the undergraduate degree. University of Akron English majors participating in the joint 3+3 program who have completed the equivalent of three years or more of a baccalaureate degree will be admitted into the University of Akron School of Law so long as they:

1. are in good standing academically, financially, and from a disciplinary perspective in the English BA program;
2. satisfy the character and fitness standards required of all students admitted to the Law School;
3. have an LSAT that is at or above the 25th percentile of the previous year's entering class, and not below a 151 (GRE results can be considered if no LSAT score is available); and
4. have an undergraduate grade point average at or above the median of the previous University of Akron Law School entering class. English majors who are not enrolled in the 3+3 program, or who do not meet the automatic admission criteria set forth above will still be considered for admission into the Law School on a case-by-case basis.

The following information has official approval of **The Department of English, The School of Law and The Buchtel College of Arts & Sciences**, but is intended only as a supplemental guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of transfer and admission to the degree-granting college. Students should refer to the Degree Progress Report (Stellic) which is definitive for graduation requirements. *Completion of this degree within the identified time frame below is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others.* The transfer process is completed through an appointment with your academic advisor.

## Requirements Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements ( <a href="https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/general-education/">https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/general-education/</a> ) *	35
	College of Arts & Sciences Requirements	14
	English Core	42
	First Year Law Courses	29
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

\* Several courses required for the major also satisfy General Education requirements. The University minimum of 36 credits are required for General Education and credit for these courses will apply to multiple requirements.

## General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Students pursuing a bachelor's degree must complete the following General Education coursework		
Breadth of Perspectives courses may also fulfill major or Breadth of Knowledge requirements. Integrated and Applied Learning courses may also fulfill requirements in the major.		
<b>Academic Foundations</b>		<b>12</b>
	<i>Mathematics, Statistics and Logic: 3 credit hours</i>	
	<i>Speaking: 3 credit hours</i>	
	<i>Writing: 6 credit hours</i>	
<b>Breadth of Knowledge</b>		<b>19</b>
	<i>Arts: 3 credit hours</i>	
	<i>Humanities: 3 credit hours</i>	
	<i>Natural Sciences: 7 credit hours</i>	
	<i>Social Sciences: 6 credit hours</i>	
<b>Breadth of Perspectives</b>		
	U.S. Perspectives	
	Global Perspectives	
	Civic Literacy	
<b>Integrated and Applied Learning</b>		<b>1-3</b>
<i>Select one class from one of the following subcategories:</i>		
	Complex Issues Facing Society	
	Capstone	
<b>General Education Elective</b> <sup>1</sup>		<b>4-2</b>
<i>Review the General Education Requirements page for detailed course listings.</i>		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup> Credits may be selected from any approved General Education course not already accounted for.

## College of Arts & Sciences Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Degree requirements in Arts & Sciences include the demonstration of ability to use another language by completion of the second year of a foreign language.		

<i>2 Year Language Proficiency</i>	14
101 Beginning I	
102 Beginning II	
201 Intermediate I	
202 Intermediate II	
SLPA 222 Survey of Deaf Culture in America (American Sign Language option only)	

**Students must also complete a minimum of 40 credits (excluding workshops) consisting of either:**

Upper-level (300/400) courses both in and outside of the student's major;

or other courses outside the major department approved by the student's major department chair (permission should be obtained prior to enrollment); these may not include workshops

## English Core

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 300	Critical Reading & Writing	3
ENGL 301	English Literature I	3
ENGL 341	American Literature I	3
ENGL 492	Senior Seminar	3
ENGL 371	Introduction to Linguistics	3
or ENGL 466	Linguistics and Language Arts	
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or ENGL 470	History of English Language	
ENGL 315	Shakespeare: The Early Plays	3
or ENGL 316	Shakespeare: The Mature Plays	
ENGL 350	Black American Literature	3
or ENGL 362	World Literatures	
<i>Complete one 400-level course</i>		
ENGL 4XX		3
<i>Complete 5 English Electives</i>		
ENGL 2XX		3
ENGL 3XX		3
ENGL 3XX		3
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ENGL 3XX		3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>42</b>

## First Year Law Courses

Code	Title	Hours
LAWX 601	Civil Procedure - Federal Jurisdiction	3
LAWX 602	Civil Procedure - Federal Litigation	3
LAWX 607	Criminal Law	3
LAWX 609	Fundamentals of Lawyering	0
LAWX 611	Contracts	4
LAWX 619	Legal Analysis, Research, & Writing I (LARW I)	3
LAWX 620	Legal Analysis, Research & Writing II (LARW II)	3
LAWX 625	Torts	4
LAWX 645	Property	4
LAWX 676	Legislation and Regulation	2
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>29</b>

## Recommended Sequence

### 1st Year

Fall Semester	Hours
ENGL 111 English Composition I	3
COMM 105 Introduction to Public Speaking	3
MODL 101 Beginning Modern Language I	4
Arts/Humanities Requirement	3
Mathematics, Statistics and Logic Requirement	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

### Spring Semester

ENGL 112 English Composition II	3
MODL 102 Beginning Modern Language II	4
Natural Science Requirement	3
Social Science Requirement	3
Civic Literacy Requirement	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

### 2nd Year

Fall Semester	Hours
ENGL 300 Critical Reading & Writing	3
ENGL 341 American Literature I	3
MODL 201 Intermediate Modern Language I	3
English Elective	3
Social Science Requirement	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

### Spring Semester

ENGL 301 English Literature I	3
ENGL 371 Introduction to Linguistics or ENGL 466 Linguistics and Language Arts	3
MODL 202 Intermediate Modern Language II	3
English Elective	3
Natural Science with lab Requirement	4
<b>Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

### 3rd Year

Fall Semester	Hours
ENGL 315 Shakespeare: The Early Plays or ENGL 316 Shakespeare: The Mature Plays	3
ENGL 362 World Literatures or ENGL 350 Black American Literature	3
ENGL 492 Senior Seminar	3
English Elective	3
Elective	1
<b>Hours</b>	<b>13</b>

### Spring Semester

400-level English Elective	3
English Elective	3
Complex Issues Requirement	3
Arts/Humanities Requirement	3
English Elective	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

**4th Year****Fall Semester**

LAWX 601	Civil Procedure - Federal Jurisdiction	3
LAWX 611	Contracts	4
LAWX 619	Legal Analysis, Research, & Writing I (LARW I)	3
LAWX 625	Torts	4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>

**Spring Semester**

LAWX 602	Civil Procedure - Federal Litigation	3
LAWX 607	Criminal Law	3
LAWX 620	Legal Analysis, Research & Writing II (LARW II)	3
LAWX 645	Property	4
LAWX 676	Legislation and Regulation	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>