



2026-2027

ENGLISH MAJOR, B.A.

English Department; College of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences

English is a major branch of the language arts with a primary focus on writing, reading, literature, and speech. Although accurate usage of the English language is essential to the college graduate, encountering the humanizing forces of languages and literature is the primary objective of the major. The graduate of English is prepared for numerous career possibilities, including business, literature, law, teaching and journalism.

Students must complete all Foundations requirements and major requirements, as well as any additional General Electives needed to reach the minimum of 124 total credits required for a Bachelor's degree.

This major cannot be completed by a Creative Writing major except with an advising plan submitted to the Registrar's Office.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (42)

Complete Core courses:

__ 3	ENG	230	Intro to Literature
__ 3	ENG	231	British Lit I
__ 3	ENG	232	British Lit II
__ 3	ENG	261	American Lit I
__ 3	ENG	262	American Lit II
__ 3	ENG	362	Diverse Voices in Literature
__ 3	ENG	410	Shakespeare
__ 3	ENG	431	Literary Criticism

Complete three Period courses, one from each Period:

Choose Medieval or Renaissance course:

__ 3	ENG	374	Studies in Medieval & Renaissance Lit
__ 3	ENG	378	Milton/17 th Century Lit

Choose 18th- or 19-Century course:

__ 3	ENG	311	The Rise of the Novel
__ 3	ENG	344	Women in Literature

Choose Modern or Contemporary course:

__ 3	ENG	345	Experimental Forms
__ 3	ENG	348	Contemporary Lit

Choose 9 credits additional English courses*:

**may also choose any Period courses not used above*

__ 3	ENG	200	Intro to Teaching ESL
__ 3	ENG	241	Intro to Creative Writing-- Fiction
__ 3	ENG	242	Intro to Creative Writing--Poetry
__ 3	ENG	250	Writing for Teachers
__ 3	ENG	300	Writing for the Marketplace
__ 3	ENG	331	Grammar & Linguistics
__ 3	ENG	335	Sound Systems of Language
__ 3	ENG	336	Grammatical Structure of Language
__ 3	ENG	353	Creative Writing for Young Readers
__ 3	ENG	360	Children's Lit (P-5)
__ 3	ENG	361	Adolescent Lit
__ 3	ENG	371	Intermed Creative Writing—Fiction
__ 3	ENG	372	Intermed Creative Writing—Poetry
__ 3	ENG	390	Creative Nonfiction
__ 3	ENG	391	Independent Study
__ 3	ENG	393	Seminar
__ 3	ENG	423	C. S. Lewis and the Oxford Circle
__ 3	ENG	435	Internship
__ 3	ENG	450	Advanced Studies in Creative Writing

Plus FOUNDATIONS REQUIREMENTS (53)

(3 credits Foundations Integration satisfied by required major courses).

Plus GENERAL ELECTIVES needed to reach minimum 124 credits (29)