

ENGLISH

Bachelor of Arts

College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

Program Overview

The study of English invites students to explore the interplay of language and imagination and their role in the shaping of culture through careful examination of text, audience, and author. English majors read and write the world engaged in the study of literature and the theoretical underpinnings of multiple readings, and become immersed in composition as a process and an art. By fostering cognitive skills and instilling the methods of critical analysis, the versatile English degree prepares undergraduates for diverse professional fields and advanced degrees while launching them on a lifetime of intellectual development.

The English program balances theory and practice, offering students the opportunity to demonstrate knowledge through service-learning activities and internships. Members of the English faculty also mentor individual students in the McNair Scholars Program and encourage students to present papers at state, regional, and national conferences. The B.A. degree in English prepares students for graduate school, creative careers,teaching (if students are also enrolled in the Education Certification program), and for numerous careers in the corporate world. To this end, several advanced courses in Rhetoric, Grammar, and Technical Communication focus on practical applications to daily life and business. Additionally, we offer an exciting and growing track in Creative Writing that offers study in Poetry and Fiction. Students in the English program acan contribute to and edit the acclaimed journal Quirk; participate in Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society, and the Ink: English Club; and afford themselves opportunities to travel or study abroad.

Career Opportunities

The study of English develops reading, writing, and critical thinking skills. Close reading of texts through critical and theoretical frames and the production of clear and logically argued writing are foundations that prepare English majors for a wide variety of professions. Law, management, marketing, editing, journalism, public relations, advertising, fundraising, non-profit administration, and teaching are among the careers our students choose. Some of our recent graduates have traveled abroad to teach English, while others have pursued graduate degrees in English and other disciplines. As a result of their practice in analytical reading and argumentation and their competence in research and writing, English majors are well prepared to advance more quickly than are more narrowly trained students in the companies and organizations they join.

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Freshman Year: Fall	Hrs.
ENGL 1311 Composition I (or 1311L)	3
HIST Core	3
PHIL 1381 Introduction to Philosophy	3
Social Science Core	3
Elective	3
Total hours	15
Sophomore Year: Fall	
ENGL 2310 World Literature Studies	3
Modern Language I	3
Natural Science and Lab Core	4
RELS or PHIL Core: Any 3-hr upper-division REL or	3
PHIL course	
Elective	3
Total hours	16
Junior Year: Fall	
ENGL 3310 English Literature Survey	3
ENGL from Language Arts & Linguistics Branch	3
Elective	3
Electives (upper-division)	6
Total hours	15
Senior Year: Fall	
ENGL 4301 Senior Seminar	3
ENGL Elective	3
Elective	3
Electives (upper-division)	6
Total hours	15

Freshman Year: Spring	Hrs.
ENGL 1312 Composition II	3
DWHP 1200 or DWHP 3200 Dimensions of Wellness)	3
and 1-hour lifelong physical activity course	
Fine Arts Core	3
RELS 1305, 1315, 1325, 1335 or 1327H	3
Elective	3
Total hours	15
Sophomore Year: Spring	
ENGL 2360 Literary Theory	3
ENGL 3320 American Literature Survey	3
MATH Core	3
Modern Language II	3
Elective	3
Total hours	15
Junior Year: Spring	
ENGL from Literary Studies & Criticism Branch	3
ENGL from Rhetoric & Professional Writing Branch	3
Elective	3
Electives (upper-division)	6
Total hours	15
Senior Year: Spring	
ENGL Elective	3
Electives	5
Electives (upper-division)	6
Total hours	14

Core Curriculum - Total Hours 43
Major - Total Hours 77
Degree - Total Hours 120