

English Major

School of Arts and Sciences

The School of Arts and Sciences (SoAaS) serves the mission of the College via its central role in providing the instruction and the experiences that define a liberal arts education. The SoAaS consists of the Departments of English, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Psychology, Religion and Theology, and Social Sciences. Selected majors are offered in most of the areas. In addition, these units provide the interdisciplinary and introductory courses that make up the general education curriculum. Students majoring in the SoAaS may pursue programs of study, which prepare them for graduate school or for careers in areas specifically related to their areas of study.

ENGLISH MAJOR

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the English major, students will be able to perform the following:

1. Describe characteristics of major historical literary movements (Content).
2. Apply knowledge of and proficiency in writing acceptable literary/critical analyses (Critical Thinking).
3. Demonstrate proficiency in using standard spoken and written American English (Communication).

Program Outcomes

The program will produce graduates who will do the following:

1. Pursue advanced study at a graduate school or professional school.
2. Enter careers in teaching, journalism and media, publishing, public relations, advertising, technical writing, and the fine arts where distinctive verbal capabilities of precision, persuasiveness, and clarity in thinking or writing are valued.
3. Contribute to any work environment where advanced vocabulary, critical thinking, creativity, interpretation, and complex, original composition skills are needed.
4. Use technology to communicate effectively.

The major in English consists of a minimum of thirty-six (36) credit hours, including six (6) hours of General Education Core Courses. Students who major in English can also seek secondary education certification in Language Arts by taking the identified courses in Education and completing the GPA and testing requirements for certification. Students interested in this option should speak with their academic advisors or with a faculty member in the Department of Education.

Semester Plan

Included below is a sample semester-by-semester program for a major in English.

Degree Type

Bachelor of Arts

Major in English

- ENG 199 may be substituted with ENG 131: English Composition I
- ENG 200 may be substituted with ENG 132: English Composition II

Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 199	English Composition I for English and Journalism Majors	3
ENG 200	English Composition II for English and Journalism Majors	3
ENG 231	American Literature I	3
ENG 232	American Literature II	3
ENG 237	English Literature II	3
ENG 330	World Literature	3
ENG 331	Advanced Rhetorical Grammar	3
ENG 335	Shakespeare	3
ENG 430	Literary Criticism	3
ENG 437	Major Writers	3
ENG 438	Senior Thesis in English	3

Minor in English

The minor in English consists of a minimum of eighteen (18) credit hours beyond the general education requirements.

Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 230	Introduction to Creative Writing	3
	ENG 231 or ENG 232	3
	ENG 236 or ENG 237	3
ENG 330	World Literature	3
ENG 335	Shakespeare	3
	400-level English	3
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Major in English FRESHMAN YEAR Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 199	English Composition I for English and Journalism Majors	3
REL 131	Introduction to the Old Testament	3
HIS 131	Foundations of World Civilization	3
BIO 131	Life Science	3
HUM 130	African American Heritage	3
STI 111	Orientation	1

FRESHMAN YEAR Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 200	English Composition II for English and Journalism Majors	3
CSC 121	Critical Thinking in Digital Age	2
MAT 131	Algebra	3
REL 132	Introduction to the New Testament	3
HPR 121	Lifetime Wellness	2
PHY 131	Physical Science	3
STI 114	Orientation II	1

SOPHOMORE YEAR Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 231	American Literature I	3
ENG 236	English Literature I	3
SPE 232	Public Speaking	3
	200-level English	3
	200-level Religion	3

SOPHOMORE YEAR Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 232	American Literature II	3
ENG 237	English Literature II	3
	200-level English	3
	Social Science Elective	3
BUS 210	Financial Literacy	1
	General Elective (3 credits)	3

JUNIOR YEAR Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
LOG 330	Logic	3
ENG 335	Shakespeare	3
ENG 331	Advanced Rhetorical Grammar	3
	300-level English	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3

JUNIOR YEAR Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	300-level English	3
ENG 330	World Literature	3
	300-level English	3
	300-level Religion	3
EDU 310	Test Taking Strategies	1

SENIOR YEAR Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 430	Literary Criticism	3
ENG 438	Senior Thesis in English	3
	400-level English	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3

SENIOR YEAR Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 437	Major Writers	3
	400-level English	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3
	General Elective (2 credits)	2