

THE GENERAL EDUCATION PREREQUISITES

ENG 1030 (or equivalent) – Composition
ENG 2403 -- World Lit

These courses are prerequisites for admission to the English major. They are taken as requirements for General Education.

THE REQUIRED CORE COURSES (15 CREDITS)

ENG 2000 – Writing about Literature

ENG 2005 – Advanced Composition

ENG 2017 – History & Theory of Writing

ENG 2101 – Structure & Origins of the English Language

ENG 2215 – Shakespeare Survey

ENG 2000 should be taken simultaneously with ENG 2403 (see GE requirements above). ENG 2005 and ENG 2017 should be taken immediately afterwards and preferably together.

ENG 2101 should be taken early in the major. ENG 2215 may be taken at any time during the major.

THE ELECTIVES (21 CREDITS)

Students must select with advisement twenty-one credits in electives. Fifteen credits must be in writing or journalism; at least twelve of them must be at the 3000 or 4000 level. Six credits must be in literature, all at the 2000 level or higher; genre courses are preferable. (Genre courses are those focusing upon literary forms such as poetry, fiction, or drama

rather upon particular literary authors or literary periods.)

THE SEMINAR REQUIREMENT (3 CREDITS)

ENG 4817 – Senior Writing Seminar

Senior Writing Seminar should be taken at the conclusion of the major. (The Seminar satisfies the Writing Emphasis requirement of the University.)

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Sequencing of courses is critical to success. Ideally, your program should be spread out over your entire four years, with Senior Writing Seminar taken separately in the final semester. For instance:

FR Fall: ENG 1030

FR Spring: ENG 2000, 2403

SOPH Fall: ENG 2005, 2017, 2101

SOPH Spring: writing elective,
ENG 2215

JR Fall: writing elective, literature elective

JR Spring: writing elective, writing elective

SR Fall: writing elective, literature elective

SR Spring: ENG 4817

Transfer students may need to plan a much more concentrated course of study.

2. Generally, ENG 2017 is offered every fall only, always as an early evening class (that is, at 5:00). ENG 4817 is offered every spring only,

also always as an early evening class (that is, at 5:00).

3. Early Childhood Education majors, Elementary Education majors, and other majors in education taking English as a second major should seek General Education advisement from their primary majors. They should also try to plan their course work so as not to take Senior Writing Seminar the same semester they are student teaching; the combined demands of both undertakings may be too difficult.
4. Excluding English courses used to satisfy General Education requirements, no more than three credits in English beyond the major may count toward the baccalaureate degree. (These three credits would be well used for internships in journalism or publishing.)
5. Journalism courses are offered under two headings: as English courses and as Communication courses. The course number, however, always remains the same. Thus, Introductory Journalism is listed as both ENG 2920 and COMM 2920 although it is a single class with a single instructor. Only journalism courses taken under an ENG heading may be used toward the English major. Journalism courses taken under a COMM heading may only be used by English majors as free electives (that is, outside the major.).

What it takes to be an English major in the writing option:

- a love for using language
- a strong talent for writing
- an interest in literature and other models of writing
- an average of 2.5 in ENG 2000 and ENG 2403
- a cumulative grade point average of 2.5

How to become an English major:

As soon as possible after ENG 1030 (or equivalent), visit the English Department and fill out a Change of Major form. (Include your email address on it.) Leave the form with a faculty adviser, who will review the major's requirements with you and send the Change of Major form on to the Registrar. From that point on, you will receive mailings from the Department about advisement and other matters. You will be an "intended" major until you have completed ENG 2000 and ENG 2403 with a 2.5 and have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.5. Then you must fill out another Change of Major form to become a "declared" English major.

Advisement Notes

**THE ENGLISH
MAJOR**

**WRITING OPTION
(42103)**

NEW PLAN 2002*

**Mandatory for students admitted to the University for Fall 2002 and after; optional but strongly recommended for student admitted previously.*

39 credits

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