

*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 2203 (or 2403)
- a cumulative grade point average of 2.5

*How to become an English major:*

As soon as possible after ENG 1020 (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 2203 (or 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*

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**THE ENGLISH  
MAJOR**

**WRITING OPTION  
(42103)**

**NEW PLAN 1998\***

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*\*Available only to students admitted to the University prior to Fall 2000.*

**36 credits**

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## THE GENERAL EDUCATION PREREQUISITES

ENG 1020 (or equivalent) – Composition  
ENG 2203 (or 2403) -- World Lit  
ENG 2000 – Writing about Lit

These courses are prerequisites for admission to the English major. ENG 1020 (or equivalent) and ENG 2203 (or 2403) are part of the GE core. ENG 2000 is a GE breadth course that English majors must take as one of their four courses in the humanities.

## THE REQUIRED COGNATE

COMM 1400 (or 1402) – Speech Communication

This course should be taken as soon as possible. In addition to satisfying a requirement of the English major, it may be counted toward the GE breadth requirement for the humanities. If it is used for this purpose, an additional three credits in free electives are required for graduation.

## THE REQUIRED WRITING COURSE (3 CREDITS)

ENG 2005 – Advanced Composition

This course should be taken *immediately* after completion of ENG 2000.

## THE REQUIRED LITERATURE SURVEYS (15 CREDITS)

ENG 2205 – British Literature I  
ENG 2206 – British Literature II  
ENG 2215 – Shakespeare Survey  
ENG 2220 – American Literature I  
ENG 2221 – American Literature II

These survey courses should be taken after completion of the GE prerequisites. They may be taken concurrently with the electives for the major.

## THE REQUIRED LINGUISTICS COURSE (3 CREDITS)

ENG 2101 – Structure and Origins of the English Language

This course should be taken as soon as possible after completion of the GE prerequisites. Students may substitute either ENG 3101 (Introduction to Linguistics) or ENG 4120 (Language Variation in Society) if they pass a Departmental challenge exam in English grammar.

## THE FOUR ELECTIVES (12 CREDITS)

Students must select with advisement four electives in writing or journalism. They may be taken concurrently with the literature surveys. At least three of the electives (nine credits) must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.

## THE SEMINAR REQUIREMENT (3 CREDITS)

ENG 4800 – Senior Seminar

OR

ENG 4600 – Honors Senior Seminar

Senior 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. For instance:  
  
FR Fall: ENG 1020, COMM 1400  
FR Spring: ENG 2000, 2203  
SOPH Fall: ENG 2005, 2101  
SOPH Spring: ENG 2221, elective  
JR Fall: ENG 2220, elective  
JR Spring: ENG 2206, elective  
SR Fall: ENG 2205, 2215, elective  
SR Spring: Senior Seminar  
  
Transfer students may need to plan a much more concentrated course of study.
2. Early Childhood Education majors and Elementary Education majors 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 English Senior Seminar the same semester they are student teaching; the combined demands of both undertakings may be too difficult.
3. Excluding English courses used to satisfy General Education core or breadth requirements, no more than 6 credits in English beyond the major may count toward the baccalaureate degree.