

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

**THE ENGLISH
MAJOR**

**WRITING OPTION
(42103)**

NEW PLAN 2000*

**Available only to students admitted to the University prior to Fall 2002.*

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 Comm.

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 CORE COURSES (12 CREDITS)

ENG 2005 – Advanced Composition
ENG 2017 – History & Theory of
Writing
ENG 2101 – Structure & Origins of the
English Language
ENG 2215 – Shakespeare Survey

ENG 2005 and ENG 2017 should be taken immediately upon entry to the major and preferably at the same time. (Note that ENG 2017 is generally offered only every Fall semester and generally in an early evening period slot.)

ENG 2101 and ENG 2215 should be taken early in the major but need not be taken immediately upon entry.

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 1020, COMM 1400

FR Spring: ENG 2000, 2203

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. 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 six credits in English beyond the major may count toward the baccalaureate degree. (These six credits would be well used for internships in journalism or publishing.)