

What it takes to be an English major:

- a love for reading and discussing literature
- a delight in literary and dramatic performance
- a curiosity about language
- a competence in 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 notices 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**

**STANDARD OPTION
(42100)**

NEW PLAN 2002*

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

39 credits

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THE GENERAL EDUCATION PREREQUISITES

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

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

THE REQUIRED METHODOLOGY COURSES (6 CREDITS)

ENG 2000 – Writing about Literature
ENG 2001 – Critical Approaches to Lit

Eng 2000 should be taken simultaneously with Eng 2403 (see GE requirements above). Eng 2001 should be taken immediately afterward. Note that Eng 2000 and Eng 2001 should not be taken simultaneously; Eng 2000 is a prerequisite for Eng 2001.

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 courses should be taken early in the major and preferably before 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 in the major. Students may substitute for this course 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 within the major. They should be taken after most if not all of the surveys have been completed. At least three (9 credits) of the electives 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 1030
FR Spring: ENG 2000, 2403
SOPH Fall: ENG 2001, 2205
SOPH Spring: ENG 2101, 2206
JR Fall: ENG 2215, 2220
JR Spring: ENG 2221 & one elective
SR Fall: Two electives
SR Spring: Senior Seminar & one elective

Transfer students entering the major in their junior year will 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 requirements, no more than 3 credits in English beyond the major may count toward the baccalaureate degree.