

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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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 as early in the major as possible. 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. 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 three credits in English beyond the major may count toward the baccalaureate degree. (These three credits would be well used for an internship in journalism or publishing.)