

English Option II: Creative Writing

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The Major

The undergraduate English Major—consisting of the Literature, Creative Writing, Credential Preparation, Honors, and Contract options—is designed for students who desire to concentrate in one of the different fields subsumed under the broader category of “English.” Students are required to choose one of these options at the time they declare their English major.

The Creative Writing option provides students with the opportunity to develop narrative, verse, or playwriting skills while building a solid background of study in the literatures of Britain and America.

Careers

English studies provide a good academic foundation for radio and television broadcasting, editing, writing, politics, film and library work, journalism, criticism, advertising, public information, public relations, teaching and technical writing. Studies show that English as a pre-professional major is valuable preparation for future careers in law, medicine, business, and federal service.

For more information on the program, see the 2004-2006 University Catalog.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree

Lower Div Requirements (6 units)

A. Creative Writing (3 units)
ENGL 208 Intro to Creative Writing

B. Literature (3 units)
Select one of the following:
ENGL 258 Major English Writers I
ENGL 259 Major English Writers II
ENGL 275 Major American Writers

Upper Div Requirements (33 units)

A. Critical Writing (3 units)
ENGL 355 Writing About Literature

B. Literary Theory (3 units)
ENGL 436 Major Critical Theories

C. Literatures of Cultural Diversity (3 units)
Select one of the following:
ENGL 311 African-American Writing
ENGL 314 History of North Am Indian Lit
ENGL 368 Gay Male Writers
ENGL 369 Lesbian Writers
ENGL 371 Issues in Jewish-Am Writing
ENGL 431 Images of Women in Literature
ENGL 433 Women Authors
ENGL 434 19th-Century Women Novelists
ENGL 487 Latino/a Literature

**Consult an advisor for courses in other areas such as Asian Am and Chicano/a lit that may also satisfy this requirement.*

D. British Literature Before 1900 (3 units)
Select one of the following:
ENGL 414 Chaucer
ENGL 416 Shakespeare, Selected Plays
ENGL 417 Shakespeare Survey
ENGL 418 English Dramas to 1642
ENGL 419 English Drama 1660-1880
ENGL 420 Milton
ENGL 443 English Lit of the Middle Ages
ENGL 449 The English Renaissance
ENGL 452 17th Century Literature
ENGL 456 The Age of Enlightenment
ENGL 458 The Romantic Age
ENGL 460 The Victorian Age
ENGL 466 Major British Novelists I
ENGL 467 Major British Novelists II

E. American Literature (3 units)
Select one of the following:
ENGL 473 American Literature 1607-1860
ENGL 474 American Literature 1860-1912
ENGL 477: Major Am Novelists I: 19th C.

F. Twentieth Century Literature (3 units)
Select one of the following:
ENGL 427 Dramas, Ibsen to the Present
ENGL 461 Modern British Literatures
ENGL 462 Contemporary British Lit
ENGL 463A Modern Poetry
ENGL 463B Contemporary Poetry
ENGL 468 Major Brit Novelists III
ENGL 475 American Lit 1912-1945
ENGL 476 Contemporary American Lit
ENGL 478 Major Am Novelists II: 20th C.

G. Creative Writing (9 units)
Select three of the following (course may be repeated one time for credit):
ENGL 308 Narrative Writing
ENGL 309 Verse Writing
ENGL 310 Playwritings
ENGL 408 Advanced Narrative Writing
ENGL 409 Advanced Verse Writing
ENGL 410 Advance Playwriting

H. Creative Writing Theory (3 units)
Select one of the following:
ENGL 464 Theory of Poetry
ENGL 465 Theory of Fiction

I. Senior Seminar (3 units)
Select one of the following:
ENGL 490 Senior Seminar/Narrative Writs
ENGL 491 Senior Seminar/Verse Writing

Upper Division Electives (6 units)
English 300, 305, 316, 364, 428, 429 are **not** permitted as electives in this option.

Total Units in the Major Option II: (45)

General Education (49 units)
To meet the 52-unit GE requirement, students may double count 3 units from the lower division major requirements (258, 259, 275) for both GE-Humanities and for the major.

Title V (6 units)

Additional Units (20 units)*
*Additional units may vary according to the individual student's program.

Students majoring in English are encouraged to take a foreign language as part of their college program.

Total Units Required for the Degree: 120

FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER	FIRST YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER
1. English 155, Freshman Composition, A-1	1. English 258, 259, 275 (choose one)
2. LD GE, Math, A-3	2. LD GE, Oral Communication, A-4
3. LD GE _____	3. LD GE, Critical Thinking, A-2
4. LD GE _____	4. LD GE _____
5. LD GE _____	5. LD GE _____

***Major advisement:** Students must enroll in 155 during their first semester. English 258, 259, and 275 should be completed in the first two years. ***General advisement:** Students must enroll in math A-3 during the first semester. Title V requirements should be completed by the end of the first two years.

SECOND YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER
1. English 258, 259, 275 (choose one)	1. English 258, 259, 275 (choose one)
2. Title V _____	2. Title V _____
3. LD GE _____	3. LD GE _____
4. LD GE _____	4. LD GE _____
5. LD GE _____	5. LD GE _____

***Major advisement:** English 355 should be completed in either the 2nd semester of the 2nd year, or the 1st semester of the 3rd year.

THIRD YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER	THIRD YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER
1. English 436: Major Critical Theories	1. English 464 or English 465
2. Literatures of Cultural Diversity	2. 308/309/310 or 408/409/410
3. English 308/309/310	3. UD Literature Requirement
4. UD GE _____	4. UD GE _____
5. Elective _____	5. Elective _____

***Major advisement:** English 436 or 464/465 and a Literatures of Cultural Diversity course should be completed by the end of the 3rd year.

FOURTH YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER	FOURTH YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER
1. English 408/409/410	1. English 490 or English 491
2. UD Literature Requirement	2. UD Literature Requirement
3. UD English Elective	3. UD English Elective
4. UD GE _____	4. Elective _____
5. Elective _____	5. Elective _____

***Major advisement:** Students should not attempt to take more than one creative writing class in the same genre in any given semester. English 490/491: Senior Seminar requires senior status and the completion of at least two prior classes in that genre. ***General advisement:** In addition to all GE, Title V, and major requirements, students will need elective credits to complete the **120** units required for graduation. Upper division GE courses may **not** be double counted with upper division major courses. **This sequencing sample is based on an average semester enrollment of 15 units.**