

English Option V: Honors

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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 Honors Option is a special program which enables students, by working independently and in seminars, to develop a strong academic background in preparation for postgraduate study in English or for entry into a variety of postgraduate fields. Admission to the program normally begins in the first semester of the junior year. For admission to Honors Program, see the Honors Adviser.

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 Division Required Courses (9 units)

ENGL 258 Major English Writers I
ENGL 259 Major English Writers II
ENGL 275 Major American Writers

Upper Division Required Courses (27 units)

A. Literary Theory (3 units)

ENGL 436 Major Critical Theories

B. 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.*

C. British and American Literatures (6 units)

I. British Literature (3 units)

Select one course from the following:

ENGL 419 English Drama 1660-1880
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 461 Modern British Lit
ENGL 462 Contemporary British Lit
ENGL 466 Major British Novelists I
ENGL 467 Major British Novelists II
ENGL 468 Major British Novelists III

II. American Literature (3 units)

Select one course from the following:

ENGL 473 American Literature 1607-1860
ENGL 474 American Literature 1860-1912
ENGL 475 American Lit 1912-1945
ENGL 476 Contemporary American Lit
ENGL 477 Major Am Novelists I: 19th C.
ENGL 478 Major Am Novelists II: 20th C.

D. Junior Honors Tutorials (6 units)

ENGL 392 Junior Honors Tutorial I
ENGL 393 Junior Honors Tutorial II
(392 and 393 may be taken in any sequence)

E. Senior Honors Tutorials (6 units)

ENGL 492 Senior Honors Tutorial I
ENGL 493 Senior Honors Tutorial II
(492 and 493 may be taken in any sequence)

F. Honors Thesis Project (3 units)

Engl 497 Honors Thesis

Upper Division Electives (9 units)

English 300, 305, 316, 364, 428, 429* are not permitted as electives in this option. Asterisked * courses are permitted as electives for honors-credential students only.*

Students may repeat 492 & 493 once for elective credit.

(Note: English 355: Writing about Literature is not required of Honors students since all Honors courses are writing intensive courses.)

Total Units in the Major Option V: (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

Graduation with Honors

To be graduated from the Honors Program, a student needs a GPA of 3.5 or better in his or her upper division English courses. A special “Honors” notation will appear on your diploma and you will be invited to participate in the University's Honor Convocation.

English Option V: Honors Program Course Sequencing Sample

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 _____

THIRD YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER	THIRD YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER
1. English 392: Junior Honors Tutorial	1. English 393: Junior Honors Tutorial
2. English 436: Major Critical Theories	2. UD Literature Requirement
3. Literatures of Cultural Diversity	3. UD English Elective
4. UD GE _____	4. UD GE _____
5. Elective _____	5. Elective _____

***Major advisement:** English 436 and Literatures of Cultural Diversity should be completed by the end of the 3rd year. Students will need to complete 3 units of upper division American and 3 units of upper division British literature courses from selected areas and 9 units of upper division English electives (see restrictions). The Honors Tutorials constitute the core of the Honors Program. The Junior Honors Tutorials—392 and 393—may be taken in any sequence and may be repeated once for elective credit.

FOURTH YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER	FOURTH YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER
1. English 492: Senior Honors Tutorial	1. English 493: Senior Honors Tutorial
2. UD Literature Requirement	2. English 497: Honors Thesis Project
3. UD English Elective	3. UD English Elective
4. Elective _____	4. Elective _____
5. UD GE _____	5. Elective _____

***Major advisement:** The Senior Honors Tutorials—492 and 493—may be taken in any sequence. Students may repeat 492 & 493 once for elective credit. ***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. A minimum GPA of 3.5 in upper division English courses is required for graduation in the option.**