

**English
Bachelor of Arts
2025-2026**

General Areas of Service: The English major provides a foundation for careers that emphasize critical thinking and skillful communication. English majors frequently work in non-profit and corporate communication, grant writing, journalism, digital and print publishing, library science, and government. Many graduates also work as teachers in secondary schools and colleges. Other graduates enter professional programs for law, medicine, business, or the social and behavioral sciences. Considering their career goals, English majors choose an emphasis in literature, creative writing, or secondary teaching.

Professional Training: Students planning to teach at the secondary level must complete a certification program at either the undergraduate or graduate level. A master's degree in English is also considered valuable. College-level teachers are expected to have a master's degree or doctoral degree. Increasingly, four-year colleges and universities prefer to hire people who have already completed a doctoral degree.

Job Outlook: The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) states that higher competition is expected for writing and editing jobs. According to the BLS, "Employment of writers and authors is projected to grow 5 percent from 2023-33." Demand for postsecondary teachers will rise as more students enroll in higher education, and employment for postsecondary English teachers is expected to increase 8 percent from 2023-33. (See www.bls.gov)

Earnings: In their May 2024 salary survey, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports the median annual wage for writers and authors as \$72,070, with the lowest 10 percent earning less than \$41,080 and the highest 10 percent earning more than \$133,680. For postsecondary English teachers, the BLS reports the median annual wage as \$83,980. (See www.bls.gov)

Note: Before graduation, all English majors must take an exit exam: the Major Field Test for Literature in English.

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Suggested Degree Path

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 192 cr. ENGLISH MAJOR: 66 cr. [See the Undergraduate Bulletin for details](#)

The chart below details one suggested path a student may take to complete a bachelor's degree in English.

The core requirements are listed as well as the number of additional credits required for the emphasis in literature, creative writing, or secondary teaching.

All B.A. degrees require a minor and a foreign language

Cognates are listed in *italics*.

Freshman Year

Fall Courses	Hours
Survey of British & American Lit. (ENGL 210)	4
Introduction to Analytical Writing (ENGL 121)	3
Modern Language	4
General Studies	5
Colloquium (ENGL 495)	0
Total	16

Winter Courses	Hours
Survey of British & American Lit. (ENGL 211)	4
Introduction to Research Writing (ENGL 122)	3
Modern Language	4
General Studies	5
Colloquium (ENGL 495)	0
Total	16

Spring Courses	Hours
Survey of British & American Lit. (ENGL 212)	4
Modern Language	4
General Studies	4
Minor	4
Colloquium (ENGL 495)	0
Total	16

Sophomore Year

Fall Courses	Hours
Research Writing (ENGL 223)	3
English Grammar (ENGL 284)	4
General Studies	5
Minor	4
Colloquium (ENGL 495)	0
Total	16

Winter Courses	Hours
Literary Analysis (ENGL 234)	4
General Studies	8
Minor	4
Colloquium (ENGL 495)	0
Total	16

Spring Courses	Hours
History of England (HIST 275)	4
General Studies	8
Minor	4
Colloquium (ENGL 495)	0
Total	16

The emphasis in secondary teaching requires an additional cognate:

- [DRMA 242](#) – Acting OR
- [SPCH 207](#) – Small Group Communication OR
- [SPCH 407](#) – Advanced Small Group Communication

Junior Year

Fall Courses	Hours
British or American Lit. after 1820 (ENGL 355 OR 356 or 364 or 366)	4
Upper-Division ENGL or WRIT	4
General Studies	4
Minor	4
Colloquium (ENGL 495)	0
Total	16

Winter Courses	Hours
Upper-Division Writing	4
Upper-Division ENGL	4
General Studies	4
Minor	4
Colloquium (ENGL 495)	0
Total	16

Spring Courses	Hours
Upper-Division ENGL or WRIT	4
Minor	4
General Electives	3
Upper-Division American History (HIST 355 OR 448 OR 450)	4
Seminar (ENGL 496/WRIT 496)	1
Colloquium (ENGL 495)	0
Total	16

Senior Year

Fall Courses	Hours
British Lit. before 1830 (ENGL 344 or ENGL 345 or ENGL 346 or ENGL 347)	4
Upper-Division ENGL or WRIT	4
Literary & Critical Theory (ENG 470)	4
General Electives	4
Colloquium (ENGL 495)	0
Total	16

Winter Courses	Hours
Seminar (ENGL 497/WRIT 497)	1
Upper-Division ENGL or WRIT	4
General Electives	9
General Studies	2
Colloquium (ENGL 495)	0
Total	16

Spring Courses	Hours
Seminar (ENGL 498/WRIT 498)	1
Upper-Division ENGL or WRIT	4
General Electives	11
Colloquium (ENGL 495)	0
Total	16

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