

ENGLISH: CREATIVE WRITING CONCENTRATION, BACHELOR OF ARTS

The BA in English with a Creative Writing Emphasis provides students with foundational knowledge in literature, writing and practice, critical thinking, literary theory, culture and diversity, literary citizenship, and the power of language that will empower them to innovate, communicate, and discover the necessary skills to thrive in their professional career paths and serve their community. The Creative Writing emphasis also prepares students for the professional opportunities in the creative writing world, MFA programs, and the rewarding and challenging world of publishing.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the B.A. in English program, students will:

1. Demonstrate fluency in literary history, cultural contexts, and current issues in English studies.
2. Conduct, analyze, evaluate, and integrate academic research and theory.
3. Employ critical and rhetorical theory to analyze and interpret texts.
4. Construct persuasive and reasonable arguments, using a range of rhetorical strategies.
5. Analyze literary and non-literary texts and synthesize ideas with clarity, accuracy, and coherence.

Outcomes Assessment Activities

Assessment of the English program is the responsibility of all English Program faculty. The English Program's annual reports evaluating the program and proposing any needed changes are compiled from the following information:

- A central file of course syllabi with representative assignments is maintained by the department for inspection by the committee and other qualified persons.
- All English majors begin the program with ENG 114 Introduction to Creative Writing (GT-AH1) (3 c.h.) and ENG 201 Introduction to Literary Theory (3 c.h.) which establish the emphasized professional standards and the writing and analytical skills students will have acquire in the program. All students in ENG 114 submit a final notebook and ENG 201 write a final paper, which are submitted to the department chairperson or committee for assessment.
- All English majors take ENG 493 Senior Seminar (3 c.h.) and ENG 414 Advanced Creative Writing Workshop (3 c.h.) emphasizing professional standards and synthesizing the writing and analytical skills students have acquired in other English classes. All students in ENG 493 write a senior research paper, one copy of which is submitted to the department chairperson for dissemination for review. In order to pass ENG 493, students must demonstrate satisfactory levels of achievement in meeting the program goals.
- English Program faculty review final materials from ENG 114, ENG 201, ENG 414, and ENG 493 on an annual basis and prepare an analysis of what they reveal about the program's success.
- The English Program administers a student-satisfaction questionnaire to all senior English majors each year. Similar

questionnaires are sent to recent graduates and representative employers on a periodic basis.

- The English Program faculty consider the English curricula at leading comparable institutions and apprise the department of innovations worthy of consideration.

Specific Program Requirements

- Students should consult with an advisor in English prior to registration.
- All major courses must be completed with a C or better.
- Students must fulfill the University foreign language requirements for the BA degree: first year world language (6-8 credit hours), or ENG 106 & WL 100, or ASL 101 & ASL 102. International students are still required to complete the language requirements.
- For teaching endorsement requirements, see the Teacher Education Program section.

Specific Core Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses Select two courses:		18
ENG 114	Introduction to Creative Writing (GT-AH1)	3
ENG 201	Introduction to Literary Theory	3
ENG 204	Introduction to Rhetoric	3
ENG 414	Advanced Creative Writing Workshop	3
ENG 485	Literary Criticism and Theory	3
ENG 493	Senior Seminar	3
Culture & Diversity Select two courses:		6
CID 335	Gender & Communication	3
ENG 106	Language, Thought and Culture	3
ENG 220	Survey of Chicano Literature (GT-AH2)	3
ENG 240	Multi-Ethnic American Literature (GT-AH2)	3
ENG 241	Women in Literature	3
Development & Impact Select two courses; one MUST be CID 350.		6
CID 350	Communicating in Professions	3
ENG 115	Intro Tech Prof Writing GT-CO2	3
ENG 117	Intro. Scientific/Medical Writing (GT-CO2)	3
ENG 319	Professional Editing	3
ENG 445	Magazine Editing and Production	3
ENG 492	Research	3
Literature in Historical Perspective Select one set of courses and one 300-level course.		9
ENG 210 & ENG 212	American Literature I and American Literature II	6
ENG 221 & ENG 222	Masterpieces of Literature I (GT-AH2) and Masterpieces of Literature II (GT-AH2)	6
ENG 231 & ENG 232	Literature of England I and Literature of England II	6
ENG 328	Contemporary Literature	3
ENG 360	Historical Perspectives in American Literature	3
ENG 361	Historical Perspectives in Western Literature	3
ENG 362	Historical Perspectives in Non-Western Literature	3
Major Writers Select two courses; one MUST be ENG 481.		6
ENG 441	Chaucer and His Age	3
ENG 481	Shakespeare	3

ENG 484	Studies in Major Writers	3
Writing & Practice Select three courses:		9
ENG 310	Literary Forms & Genres	3
ENG 315	Creative Writing: Poetry	3
ENG 316	Creative Writing: Fiction	3
ENG 317	Creative Nonfiction	3
ENG 318	Creative Writing: Drama	3
ENG 491	Special Topics	1-3
Total Credits		54

Specific Co-Curricular Requirements

The English faculty supports and encourages English majors' involvement in student organizations and participation in tutoring activities in the community and on campus.

- Faculty advisors meet individually with each of their students on a regular basis to help plan schedules and discuss educational and career goals. Advisors maintain an accurate and up-to-date record of each student's progress towards completion of the requirements for the major.
- All English majors will participate in a senior-year seminar in which all of the writing and analytical skills acquired in other English classes will be synthesized. Students in the class will be expected to complete a senior research project.

Planning Sheet

Disclaimer: The Planning Sheet is designed as a guide for student's planning their course selections. The information on this page provides only a suggested schedule. Actual course selections should be made with the advice and consent of an academic advisor. While accurately portraying the information contained in the college catalog, this form is not considered a legal substitute for that document. Students should become familiar with the catalog in effect at the time in which they entered the institution.

Note: In addition to requirements for the major and general education, students must complete either:

1. Any minor degree program listed in the catalog other than their major; or
2. 18 credit hours outside of the major.

Students may not use the same credits to satisfy requirements for both major and minor degrees, or use credits taken to satisfy general education requirements.

Course	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Fall		
ENG 101	Rhetoric & Writing I (GT-CO1)	3
ENG 114	Introduction to Creative Writing (GT-AH1)	3
SPN 101	Beginning Spanish I	3
or ITL 101	or Beginning Italian I	
or FRN 101	or Beginning French I	
or ASL 101	or Beginning American Sign Language I	
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (GT-SS3) (or other Humanities Gen Ed course)	3
Science/Technology Gen Ed course + Lab		4
Credits		16
Spring		
ENG 102	Rhetoric & Writing II (GT-CO2)	3

ENG 130	Introduction to Literature (GT-AH2)	3
SPN 102	Beginning Spanish II	3
or ITL 102	or Beginning Italian II	
or FRN 102	or Beginning French II	
or ASL 102	or Beginning American Sign Language II	
GEOG 102	Cultural Geography (or other Humanities Gen Ed course)	3
Science/Technology Gen Ed course + Lab		4
Credits		16
Year 2		
Fall		
ENG 201	Introduction to Literary Theory	3
ENG 204	Introduction to Rhetoric	3
ENG 210	American Literature I	3
MATH 109	Mathematical Explorations (GT-MA1) (or other Math Gen Ed course)	3
POLS 106	Race & Ethnicity in American Democracy (GT-SS1) (or other Social Science Gen Ed course)	3
Credits		15
Spring		
ENG 212	American Literature II	3
ENG 352	English Syntax and Usage	3
ENG 232	Literature of England II (or other Literature in Historical Perspective course)	3
HIST 110	World History to 1500 (GT-HI1) (or other History Gen Ed course)	3
PSYC 151	Human Development (GT-SS3) (or other Social Science Gen Ed course)	3
Credits		15
Year 3		
Fall		
ENG 481	Shakespeare	3
ENG 485	Literary Criticism and Theory	3
ENG 220	Survey of Chicano Literature (GT-AH2)	3
ENG 316	Creative Writing: Fiction	3
or ENG 317	or Creative Nonfiction	
Course from Minor Area of Study		3
Credits		15
Spring		
ENG 484	Studies in Major Writers	3
ENG 315	Creative Writing: Poetry	3
or ENG 310	or Literary Forms & Genres	
English Major Elective		3
Course from Minor Area of Study		3
Course from Minor Area of Study		3
Credits		15
Year 4		
Fall		
CID 350	Communicating in Professions	3
ENG 493	Senior Seminar	3
English Major Elective		3
Course from Minor Area of Study		3
Course from Minor Area of Study		3
Credits		15
Spring		
ENG 445	Magazine Editing and Production	3
ENG 414	Advanced Creative Writing Workshop	3
ENG 241	Women in Literature (or other "Culture and Diversity" course)	3
English Major Elective		3
Course from Minor Area of Study		3
Credits		15
Total Credits		122