Majoring and Minoring in English at Creighton University
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Overview of the English Major

The student-centered English curriculum has been designed in order to provide flexibility for both students and faculty. Students may specialize in American Literature, British Literature, Creative Writing, Rhetoric and Composition Studies, or English Education and still be able to pursue other areas of interest.

The BA in English requires a total of 36 credit hours. 21 of these hours are required of all English majors. The other 15 are chosen by the student, depending on specialization or interests.

GATEWAY COURSES
REQUIRED OF ALL MAJORS
(Total of 6 credit hours)

ENG 201: Interpreting Texts AND
ENG 202: Entering a Professional Dialogue

PLUS

Distribution Area Requirements
(Total of 12 credit hours)

Literatures and Histories (3 credit hours)

Note: Although a few of the above courses appear under more than one distribution area, each course can satisfy only one requirement.

AND

Authors OR Genres (3 credit hours)
Authors: ENG: 408, 409, 411, 412

AND
Cultures and Identities (3 credit hours)
ENG 305, 312, 329, 353, 371, 372, 390, 393, 398, 410, 426, 434, 440, 476, 489

AND

Writing and Language (3 credit hours)
ENG 251, 300, 301, 302, 305, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 317, 403, 404, 421, 438, 439, 472, 476, 477, 479

AND

ENG 499- SENIOR PROJECT (3 credit hours)

ADDITIONAL COURSES

ELECTIVES IN MAJOR (15 credit hours) OR
SPECIALIZATIONS (9-12 credit hours) AND
ELECTIVES (3-6 credit hours)

Note: Courses appearing under Specializations may also satisfy Distribution Area requirements.

SPECIALIZATION IN AMERICAN LITERATURE
• ENG 350 or 351 or 352
• Any four 300-level and above ENG courses that contribute to understanding of U.S. Literature and/or literary history.

SPECIALIZATION IN BRITISH LITERATURE
• ENG 340 Brit Lit I: Medieval and Renaissance
• ENG 341 Brit Lit II: Late Renaissance and Neo-Classical
• ENG 342 Brit Lit III: Victorian
• One of the following: ENG 409 Shakespeare; ENG 411 Milton; ENG 412 Major British Authors; ENG 481 Special Topics in British Literature OR another course devoted to British Literature, as approved by Advisor and Chair.
• One additional 3 credit hours English course at 300 level or above.

SPECIALIZATION IN CREATIVE WRITING
• ENG 300 Intro to Creative Writing
• ENG 301 Narrative Forms
• ENG 302 Poetic Forms
• ENG 403 Seminar in Creative Writing
• One additional 3 credit hour English course at 300-level or above.

SPECIALIZATION IN ENGLISH EDUCATION
Students pursuing a certification in English Education should consult with English and Secondary Education advisors for specific course requirements.
SPECIALIZATION IN RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION

- Any four courses from ENG 251, 305, 310, 312, 314, 315, 317, 380, 420, 421, 438, 439, 472, 476, 477, 479 (or other course with permission of Chair)
- One additional 3 credit hour English course at 300-level or above.

FAQ

Can ENG courses count for both ENG major and Core Certified / Designated Writing?
YES, if the ENG course is an approved certified/designated writing course (and many are).

May I use my Magis Core 200-level Literature class to count toward the required 36 hours for the English major?
Yes, as long as a) it’s an ENG course taught by an ENG faculty member. It will count as an ENG elective.

Can one course satisfy two requirements?
It’s a little complicated. One course can count for both a specialization (e.g., British Literature) and a distribution requirement (e.g. Cultures and Identities). However, that course still only counts for 3 credit hours; a sufficient number of courses must be taken to obtain a total of 36 credit hours for the major. A single course cannot count for more than one distribution requirement. For example, even though ENG 301 appears under two distribution areas (Genres and Writing and Language), it can only count for one of them. On the other hand, the course will count for one distribution area and for the Creative Writing specialization.

How do I declare the English major?
It’s easy. You can do it online at https://people.creighton.edu/~bjk79676/majorApp.php

How do I declare the English minor?
Minoring in English can enhance a major in another discipline that requires a high level of skill in writing, critical thinking, and creativity. A student must take ENG 201 and 202; and four additional upper-level English courses, 300-level or above. Follow the link to declare a minor in English: https://people.creighton.edu/~bjk79676/MinorDec/minorDec.php.