ENGLISH

Programs in English

In English, a student can earn a BA with a focus on British and American Literature or in Professional and Technical Writing. Minors are also available in English Studies, British and American Literature, Professional and Technical Writing, Linguistics, and Creative Writing.

Literature majors learn to demonstrate an attentiveness to textual detail; they are able to explain the relationship between texts and their broader literary, historical, and cultural contexts; literature majors analyze ways in which forms, culture, and identity influence both the production of texts and the critical reception of those texts; as writers, majors arrange and place arguments, using appropriate source material and clear, organized language. Students are well-positioned for careers that build on these skills—analysis, communication, writing, collaboration—and for graduate school in English, Law, and/or Business.

Professional and Technical Writing majors learn to produce clear, effective, well-edited writing to serve the needs of various public and professional audiences; they learn to adapt to working environments that are changing rapidly due to advances in information technology; and they are able to develop a role using their individualized skills and knowledge. Students go on to enjoy successful careers as writers, editors, and document developers. Our graduates work as professional and technical writers, as grant writers, as marketing and public relations specialists, and as teachers, trainers, and consultants.

Students seeking a minor are encouraged to explore. We offer opportunities to write in academic, professional, and creative genres and to study language and its social and cultural functions. Our programs spark the imagination and teach students to read carefully and write purposefully.

ENGL 1509 Academic English for Non-native Speakers 3 s.h.
Strategy for writing as a means of critical inquiry, with focus on writing processes and on the roles of writer, audience, and purpose as they affect writing. Students divide their time between regular and computer classrooms, where they acquire and develop basic word-processing and electronic communication skills. This four-credit hour version of Writing One emphasizes development of college-level writing conventions, organizational strategies, and revision and editing techniques. Grading is ABCDF, but students must earn a "C" or better to satisfy the General Education requirement and continue to ENGL 1550. Prereq.: Appropriate ACT/SAT scores or completion of English 1541.

ENGL 1550 Writing 1 3 s.h.
Strategies for writing as a means of critical inquiry, with focus on writing processes and on the roles of writer, audience, and purpose as they affect writing. Students divide their time between regular and computer classrooms, where they acquire and develop basic word-processing and electronic communication skills. Open to students on the basis of Composition and Reading Test results or successful completion of ENGL 1509 or ENGL 1539 or ENGL 1540. Grading is ABCDF but must earn a "C" or better to satisfy the General Education requirement and continue to ENGL 1551 or ENGL 1551H.

ENGL 1550C Corequisite Support for Writing 1 1 s.h.
This course is intended to provide corequisite support for students requiring remediation in writing while they are concurrently enrolled in English 1550. Emphasis will be placed on the development of college-level writing conventions, organizational strategies, and revision and editing techniques. Open to students based upon ACT/SAT scores or Composition Placement Test results. Grading is ABCDF but must earn a "C" or better to satisfy the General Education requirement and continue to ENGL 1551 or ENGL 1551H. Does not count toward a degree.

Prereq.: ENGL 1550.

ENGL 1550H Honors Writing 1 3 s.h.
Strategies for writing as a means of critical inquiry, with focus on writing processes and on the roles of writer, audience, and purpose as they affect writing. Writing assignments treat a broad range of ideas, especially in response to challenging readings. Stylistic experimentation is encouraged so that each student can develop a distinctive writing style. Students divide their time between regular and computer classrooms, where they have the opportunity to acquire and develop basic word-processing and electronic communication skills. Grading is ABCDF but must earn a "C" or better to satisfy the General Education requirement. Prereq.: Eligibility for the Honors Program and permit on the basis of ACT/SAT scores or Composition Placement Test.

ENGL 1551 Writing 2 3 s.h.
Practice in writing with emphasis on the process of investigation: exploration of topics, formulation of tentative theses, collection of data from suitable primary and secondary sources, and clear and appropriate presentation of the results of these inquiries. Students divide their time between regular and computer classrooms, where they have the opportunity to perform online research. Grading is ABCDF but must earn a C or higher to satisfy the General Education requirement. Prereq.: ENGL 1549 with a grade of "C" or better or ENGL 1550 with a grade of "C" or better or ACT/SAT scores or Composition and Reading Test results. Enrolled in English 1512 or English 1540.

ENGL 1551H Honors Writing 2 3 s.h.
Research on a topic of some depth, conducted independently and focused on a single project that results in a substantial investigative paper. Students divide their time between regular and computer classrooms, where they have the opportunity to perform online research. Grading is ABCDF but must earn a C or higher to satisfy the General Education requirement. 3 s.h. Prereq.: Admission to the Honors Program and ENGL 1550H with a grade "C" or better.
ENGL 1560  Language, Ethnicity, and Gender  3 s.h.
Basic understanding of relations between ethnicity, gender, and speech style, distinguishing linguisticst, sociolinguistics, and women’s issues. Examination of topics such as language, socialization, oral vs written language, and intra-ethnicity variation in Urban Vernacular English.

ENGL 1590  Introduction to Literature  3 s.h.
Literary works from various genres and periods by culturally diverse authors. Students learn literary terms to analyze and interpret literature. A major goal is to improve critical thinking skills by relating literature to film, music, art, and/or live performance.
Gen Ed: Arts and Humanities.

ENGL 2601  Intermediate Writing for Teachers  3 s.h.
A course to increase proficiency in critical reading and writing. Designed specifically for students entering the College of Education; reading, discussions and writing assignments emphasize current issues in Education. Assignments allow students to practice, collaboratively and individually, the kinds of writing used in teaching. Does not count toward the English major.
Prereq.: Completion of ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better.

ENGL 2610  World Literature  3 s.h.
A survey of nonwestern literatures, emphasizing their cultural, historical, and global contexts.
Gen Ed: Arts and Humanities, International Perspectives, Social and Personal Awareness.

ENGL 2615  Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature  3 s.h.
Works from the science fiction and fantasy genres are read and discussed critically to promote understanding and enjoyment of reading.
Gen Ed: Arts and Humanities.

ENGL 2617  Women in Literature  3 s.h.
Examination of works by and about women, drawn primarily from American and English writers.
Gen Ed: Arts and Humanities, Domestic Diversity, Social and Personal Awareness.

ENGL 2618  American Literature and Diversity  3 s.h.
Writers and works in relation to the diversity of American culture, politics, lifestyles, and social movements.
Gen Ed: Arts and Humanities, Domestic Diversity, Social and Personal Awareness.

ENGL 2620  African Literature  3 s.h.
Survey of African literature, with emphasis on experiences, styles, and themes of African writers, as well as the effects of African literature on cultural discourse throughout the world.
Gen Ed: Arts and Humanities.

ENGL 2623  Literature, Work, and Class  3 s.h.
Analysis of literary representations of work and class, with special attention to working class authors, subjects, and styles. Focuses on social and historical influences, as well as the impact of social changes and new knowledge upon working-class literature.

ENGL 2630  LGBTQIA Literature  3 s.h.
Explores literature by LGBTQIA authors about LGBTQIA issues and themes with the goal to expose the vibrancy and range of the literature of “queerness.”
Gen Ed: Arts and Humanities, Domestic Diversity, Social and Personal Awareness.

ENGL 2631  Mythology in Literature  3 s.h.
Introductory study of myths, chiefly classical, with some attention to their origins and cultural significance, and of literary works, both classical and modern, in which myths are used.
Gen Ed: Arts and Humanities.

ENGL 2646  Introduction to Fiction Writing  3 s.h.
Examination and application of narrative techniques and conventions designed to introduce the basic elements of writing fiction.
Prereq.: Completion of ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better.

ENGL 2647  Introduction to Poetry Writing  3 s.h.
Examination and application of poetic techniques and conventions designed to introduce the basic elements of writing poetry.
Prereq.: Completion of ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better.

ENGL 2651  Introduction to Language  3 s.h.
Introduction to language principally for prospective teachers, with emphasis on the nature and function of language and its history, variations, and acquisition.
Prereq.: Completion of ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better.
Gen Ed: Domestic Diversity, Social Science, Social and Personal Awareness.

ENGL 2665  Introduction to Film Study  3 s.h.
Introduction to film as a medium of artistic expression. Technical aspects of film and the relationship of film to other media and to society.
Gen Ed: Arts and Humanities.

ENGL 3700  Literary Study  3 s.h.
Gateway course for English majors. Content to include key terms, strategies for reading, interpretation, research, and the conventions for assessing and using sources.
Prereq.: Completion of ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better.

ENGL 3703  Literature for Young Children  3 s.h.
Study of the development of children’s literature, giving the prospective elementary teacher criteria for evaluating books for children. Required of all elementary education candidates.
Prereq.: Completion of ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better.

ENGL 3704  Literature for Middle School Readers  3 s.h.
Study of fiction and nonfiction genres for students in the middle school grades, including characters and authors from various cultures and ethnicities. Required of middle childhood reading and language arts majors.
Prereq.: Completion of ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better.

ENGL 3705  Young Adult Literature  3 s.h.
Study of literature for and about adolescents and related topics, including young adults as readers, critical standards for evaluation, and the use of adolescent literature in secondary schools.
Prereq.: Completion of ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better.

ENGL 3706  Introduction to Literary Theory  3 s.h.
Provides an introduction to literary theory and criticism for English majors, emphasizing the history and application of critical approaches to literature. By reading core works in literary theory, students will learn application of theoretical approaches to various texts.
Prereq.: ENGL 1551 grade of "C" or higher.

ENGL 3710  British Literature 1  3 s.h.
Beginnings to the Enlightenment. Students read a selection of British literature, emphasizing literary history and written analysis.
Prereq.: ENGL 3700 or concurrent with ENGL 3700.

ENGL 3711  British Literature 2  3 s.h.
From Romanticism to the Present. Students read a selection of British literature, emphasizing literary history and written analysis.
Prereq.: ENGL 3700 or concurrent with ENGL 3700.

ENGL 3712  American Literature 1  3 s.h.
Colonial period to 1865. Examine works from a range of American authors and genres drama, fiction, poetry, short stories, novels, and non-fiction essays within their cultural, historical, and literary contexts.
Prereq.: ENGL 3700 or concurrent with ENGL 3700.

ENGL 3713  American Literature 2  3 s.h.
1865 to present. Examine works from a range of American authors and genres drama, fiction, poetry, short stories, and non-fiction essays within their cultural, historical, and literary contexts.
Prereq.: ENGL 3700 or concurrent with ENGL 3700.
ENGL 3715 Graphic Novels as Literature 3 s.h.
Considers graphic novels as literature representing an increasingly wide range of cultural experiences. Both comics theory and a range of graphic narratives, including non-fiction, memoir, superhero, history, crime/true crime, etc., are explored.
Prereq.: ENGL 1551.

ENGL 3730 Teaching Language Arts 3 s.h.
Introduces middle school language arts teacher candidates to discussions about the teaching of writing and language and the development of methods of teaching reading, writing, and language.
Prereq.: ENGL 1551 with a grade of "C" or better.

ENGL 3732 Images of Women 3 s.h.
An examination through language, literature, folklore, film and myth of the ways in which the meanings and representations of women have been constructed and implemented in Western culture. Introduces key concepts and theoretical frameworks drawn from current scholarship about women.
Prereq.: Completion of ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better.

ENGL 3737 Popular Culture Studies 3 s.h.
Introduction to critical issues and approaches to popular culture through the study of various texts from literature, television, film, advertising, popular music, and computer cyberculture.
Prereq.: ENGL 1551 with grade of "C" or better.

ENGL 3738 Selected Topics in World Literature 3 s.h.
A comparative examination of a genre, historical period, or literary movement. May be repeated once with different topic.
Prereq.: Completion of ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better.

ENGL 3739 Writing for Middle School Teachers 3 s.h.
Designed to strengthen proficiency in writing, with emphasis on issues related to the teaching of English in middle school. Limited to students seeking middle childhood licensure with a concentration in Language Arts.
Prereq.: Admission to upper division status in the Beeghly College of Education.

ENGL 3740 Advanced Writing 3 s.h.
Designed to strengthen proficiency in essay writing, with emphasis on the development of ideas, analysis of style, clarity of thought and expression, editing, and proofreading.
Prereq.: Completion of ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better.

ENGL 3741 Advanced Writing for Teachers 3 s.h.
Designed to strengthen proficiency in writing, with emphasis on issues relating to the teaching of English. Limited to students seeking English or Integrated Language Arts certificates.
Prereq.: Admission to upper-division status in the College of Education.

ENGL 3742 Business Writing 3 s.h.
Introduction to the elements of business writing: audience and task analysis; techniques of gathering, interpreting, and presenting business research; appropriate conventions, genres, styles, and formats; elements of collaborative, global, and electronic communication; and application of computer technology to document design and production.
Prereq.: C or better in ENGL 1551.

ENGL 3743 Professional and Technical Writing 3 s.h.
Introduction to the elements of professional and technical writing, including audience and task analysis; techniques of gathering, interpreting, and presenting information; appropriate conventions, styles, and formats; elements of collaborative, global, and electronic communication; and application of computer technology to the design and production of documents.
Prereq.: ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better.

ENGL 3744 Proposal and Report Writing 3 s.h.
Application of rhetorical strategies and principles of design to the preparation of texts in two specific professional writing genres: the proposal (such as grant and research proposals) and the report (such as technical, feasibility, and other kinds of reports).
Prereq.: ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better.

ENGL 3745 Writing for Online Environments 3 s.h.
Analysis of the rhetoric of online discourse and exploration of techniques for producing documents meant to be accessed online. Students will use web design applications and other social media platforms for producing their own online writing.
Prereq.: ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better.

ENGL 3746 Fiction Writing Workshop 3 s.h.
Supervised workshop in which students develop their individual narrative skills, styles, and talents. May be repeated once.
Prereq.: ENGL 2646.

ENGL 3747 Poetry Writing Workshop 3 s.h.
Supervised workshop in which students develop their individual poetic skills, styles, and talents. May be repeated once.
Prereq.: ENGL 2647.

ENGL 3748 Screenwriting 3 s.h.
Examination and application of story concepts, theme and character development, structure, page design, and formatting. Students will develop their own story, treatment, and screenplay. May be repeated once.
Prereq.: Completion of ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better.

ENGL 3749 Writing the Youth Novel 3 s.h.
Examination and application of elements associated with novels for young readers. Students will develop their own narrative skills, styles, and talents in a supervised workshop. May be repeated once.
Prereq.: ENGL 2646.

ENGL 3750 Language and Culture 3 s.h.
Language structure as an instrument in human behavior and social institutions with emphasis on cross-cultural and intercultural communication.
Prereq.: Completion of ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better.

ENGL 3751 Readings in Professional and Technical Writing 3 s.h.
Analysis of technical and professional documents and texts that examine issues including clarity, choice of language, audience, tone, and writing in specific genres.
Prereq.: ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better.

ENGL 3755 Principles of Linguistic Study 3 s.h.
Survey of elements of linguistic structure, methods of analysis and description, theoretical models, and the role of language in human affairs.
Prereq.: Completion of ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better.

ENGL 3757 Development of the English Language 3 s.h.
Sounds, vocabulary, grammar, and usage, from old to contemporary English.
Prereq.: Completion of ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better.

ENGL 3765 Film Genres 3 s.h.
Study of a particular type of film, such as comedy, western, documentary, or science fiction. May be repeated once with a different topic.
Prereq.: ENGL 3710, ENGL 3711, ENGL 3712, ENGL 3713 or ENGL 2655.

ENGL 3770 American Literature in Historical Perspective 3 s.h.
Poetry, prose, drama, and other forms of literary expression examined within the context of a specific aspect of American social, intellectual, and cultural history. May be repeated once with different topic.
Prereq.: ENGL 3700 or concurrent.
Cross-listed: AMER 3770.

ENGL 3780 American Genres 3 s.h.
Study of a particular type of literature (e.g., short story, autobiography, or film) as it developed in the United States. May be repeated once with a different topic.
Prereq.: ENGL 3700 or concurrent.

ENGL 3790 Selected Topics in Multicultural Studies 3 s.h.
Concentrated study of discourse in English, primarily literature, from cultures other than the dominant or majority culture of a given society. Designed to develop awareness and sensitivity to issues of difference, power, and cross-cultural perspectives, and to address and facilitate students' multicultural literacy. May be repeated once with different topic.
Prereq.: Completion of ENGL 1551 with grade "C" or better.
ENGL 4830    Major Figures in British Literature    3 s.h.
Concentrated study of the works of a British writer who has contributed significantly to the literary tradition. May be repeated once with different topic.
Prereq.: ENGL 3700 with a grade of “C” or higher.

ENGL 4831    British Genres, Circles, and Movements    3 s.h.
Study of a literary genre, a group of writers who shared a cultural context or who influenced one another’s work, or a trend or development in literature. May be repeated once with different topic.
Prereq.: ENGL 3700 with a grade of “C” or higher.

ENGL 4843    Advanced Professional and Technical Writing    3 s.h.
Advanced instruction in professional and technical writing, expanding on knowledge and skills developed in ENGL 3742 or 3743, with emphasis on the creation and design of complex documents using tools such as Microsoft Word and Adobe InDesign.
Prereq.: ENGL 3742 or ENGL 3743 with grade “C” or better.

ENGL 4849    Professional and Technical Editing    3 s.h.
Study of the skills needed to make appropriate decisions about the content, grammar, mechanics, style, organization, and format of scholarly, trade, journalistic, and other professional publications, including newsletters and electronic publications. Topics include stages in the publishing process, proofreading, hard-copy versus online editing, mechanical and substantive editing, and the use of house and press styles.
Prereq.: Completion of ENGL 3742 or ENGL 3743 with grade “C” or better.

ENGL 4850    Sociolinguistics    3 s.h.
An investigation of the relationship between language and society. Includes discussion of dialects and standard language, language planning, linguistic identity, multi- and bilingualism, class, gender, ethnicity, and social interaction. Listed also as FNLG 4850.
Prereq.: ENGL 2651 or ENGL 3755.

ENGL 4851    Language Acquisition    3 s.h.
A study of research on the learning of first and second languages. Topics include developmental sequences, learner variables, critical periods and conditions for learning, and the roles of input and interaction. The course is designed for those planning to teach languages. Listed also as FNLG 4851.
Prereq.: ENGL 2651 or ENGL 3755.

ENGL 4852    Linguistics and Literacy    3 s.h.
Examination of the linguistic, social, and cultural dimensions of reading and writing and their impact on literacy acquisition and performance in language.
Prereq.: ENGL 2651 or ENGL 3755.

ENGL 4855    Advanced Linguistics    3 s.h.
In-depth study of selected issues in contemporary linguistic theory. Especially recommended for students pursuing advanced studies or a minor in linguistics or planning graduate studies.
Prereq.: ENGL 2651 or ENGL 3755.

ENGL 4856    TESOL Methods    3 s.h.
Introduction to teaching English as a Second Language (ESL), including reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Focus on using communicative methods with non-native speakers.
Prereq.: ENGL 2651 or ENGL 3755.

ENGL 4857    TESOL Practicum    3 s.h.
Supervised teaching in English as a Second Language (ESL) program. Additionally, weekly seminar attendance required.
Prereq.: ENGL 4856.

ENGL 4858    English Grammar    3 s.h.
Descriptions and analysis of English language structure.
Prereq.: ENGL 2651 or ENGL 3755.

ENGL 4859    Selected Topics in Discourse    3 s.h.
Study in depth of a specific topic such as stylistics, semantics, or rhetoric. May be repeated once with different topic.
Prereq.: ENGL 3740, ENGL 3741, or ENGL 3755 as appropriate to topic.

ENGL 4860    The Medieval World    3 s.h.
British literature from the Anglo-Saxon period to the age of Chaucer, presented in the context of the period’s history and culture.
Prereq.: ENGL 3700 with grade of “C” or higher.

ENGL 4862    Themes in American Literature    3 s.h.
In-depth examination of a significant theme in American literature and culture through analysis of prose, poetry, drama, and/or film from different historical periods.
Prereq.: ENGL 3700 with grade of “C” or higher.

ENGL 4864    American Literary Conversations    3 s.h.
Study of two or more American writers whose work is related. Focuses on writers who influenced each other, who wrote during the same period, or who explored similar themes or used similar literary styles.
Prereq.: ENGL 3700 with grade of “C” or higher.

ENGL 4865    Selected Topics in Film    3 s.h.
An important aspect of or approach to film not covered in other courses. May be repeated once with different topic.
Prereq.: ENGL 3710, ENGL 3711, ENGL 3712, ENGL 3713, or ENGL 2665.

ENGL 4871    The Black Experience in American Literature    3 s.h.
Study of African-American literature that explores the intersections between race, gender, and class in America, with emphasis on black minority culture, experience, and perspective.
Prereq.: ENGL 3700 with a grade of “C” or higher.

ENGL 4881    Shakespeare and His World    3 s.h.
Study of Shakespeare’s works along with an exploration of the artistic and social forces that shaped his writing.
Prereq.: ENGL 3700 with a grade of “C” or higher.

ENGL 4882    The English Renaissance    3 s.h.
Study of British literature from 1500 to 1660 and the social, cultural, and artistic forces that influenced it.
Prereq.: ENGL 3700 with a grade of “C” or higher.

ENGL 4886    Restoration and Eighteenth Century British Literature    3 s.h.
Study of British literature of the period and the social, cultural, and artistic forces that influenced it.
Prereq.: ENGL 3700 with a grade of “C” or higher.

ENGL 4887    The Romantic Period    3 s.h.
Study of British literature from 1776 to 1832 and the social, cultural, and artistic forces that influenced it.
Prereq.: ENGL 3700 with grade of “C” or better.

ENGL 4890    Senior Seminar    3 s.h.
Study of literature, linguistics, or criticism and theory requiring a long, critical, research-based paper.
Prereq.: ENGL 3700 and at least one of the following: ENGL 3710, ENGL 3711, ENGL 3712 or ENGL 3713.
Gen Ed: Capstone.

ENGL 4891    Individual Study    1-3 s.h.
Exploration of a topic in English studies. An academic project or written report produced in consultation with an English instructor is required. May be repeated with different topics for a maximum of 3 s.h.
Prereq.: Senior standing in English and department permit.

ENGL 4892    Nineteenth Century British Literature Studies    3 s.h.
Nineteenth-century writers, works, and themes read in the context of the period’s culture and history.
Prereq.: ENGL 3700 with a grade of “C” or higher.

ENGL 4895    Early Twentieth Century British Studies    3 s.h.
Literature read in the context of the period’s literary movements, culture, and history.
Prereq.: ENGL 3700 with a grade of “C” or higher.

ENGL 4896    British Literature from World War II to the Present    3 s.h.
Literature read in the context of the period’s literary movements, culture, and history.
Prereq.: ENGL 3700 with a grade of “C” or higher.
ENGL 4897  English Internship  1-3 s.h.
Supervised experience directed by an English faculty member and a
designated representative of a participating organization. Enrollment is
contingent upon the availability of internships. Students are selected on the
basis of qualifications including GPA, courses taken, recommendations and an
interview.
Prereq.: 12 hours of English, junior or senior standing, and a department
permit.

ENGL 4898  Professional and Technical Writing Internship  1-3 s.h.
Supervised work-and-learning experiences in professional communication
under the direction of a faculty member and an employee of a participating
firm. Internship encompasses 10 to 20 hours of student time each week.
Enrollment is contingent upon the availability of internships. Students are
selected on the basis of their current resume, brief statement of interest,
and faculty recommendations. May be repeated with the approval of the
department chairperson.
Prereq.: ENGL 3742 or ENGL 3743 with grade "C" or better.

ENGL 4899  Professional and Technical Writing Senior Project  3 s.h.
Capstone experience for the Professional Writing and Editing major.
Individualized research, analysis, development, and oral presentation of a
project that incorporates audience-appropriate writing, design, and/or editing
in a usable high-quality product. Taken during the students final undergraduate
year.
Prereq.: ENGL 3743 with grade "C" or better.
Gen Ed: Capstone.