

COMM 4333 Media Analysis**3 credit hours**

This course teaches students to evaluate and critically analyze mediated and mass communicated messages. Course content varies depending upon the instructor and student interests. Qualitative and/or quantitative social science methods may be employed. Individual or class research projects will be developed and executed over the course of the semester.

Prerequisite: 9 credit hours of COMM courses**Offered: As Needed****OR permission of instructor****COMM 4393 Senior Seminar in Communication****3 credit hours**

Students develop a senior project of their design in consultation with the seminar advisor. Project areas include a research paper on a topic of their selection, a senior portfolio reflective of a semester media project or a refinement of media projects the student has developed over their enrollment in various media courses. The latter projects must show significant editorial refinement of previously produced works. Students will work in conjunction with an advisor during the semester. The course culminates with a presentation of student research papers and/or portfolios.

Prerequisite: Advanced senior standing and permission from the course instructor and advisor**Offered: as needed**

THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN ENGLISH

Mission Statement

The English program strives to help students develop the reading, writing, speaking, research, and critical thinking skills necessary for their professional, civic, and personal success.

The English program is a fundamental component of the University's core curriculum. All HT students take two semesters of first-year composition and rhetoric and one semester of sophomore literature. English also offers courses that meet the core curriculum writing intensive and diversity course requirements.

The English major is designed to prepare students for graduate school and/or for professional careers in areas where critical thinking and effective communication are valued. The required courses lay the foundation for the successful pursuit of graduate degrees in the humanities, law, communication, education, creative writing, etc., as well as for careers in such fields as teaching, journalism, public relations, and publishing. Students wishing to pursue careers as professional writers (in technical, journalistic, or creative fields) may also elect to take courses in these areas.

Students in the English major may choose either the Literary Arts concentration or the Writing Arts concentration. The two concentrations share a common set of major course requirements, and each concentration includes a set of courses that focus on developing skills and knowledge in the chosen area. Students in the English Literary Arts track can also choose to complete degree requirements for secondary education certification.

English majors seeking teacher certification should see the professional course sequence for certification for English Language Arts/Reading in the Educator Preparation Program section of this *Bulletin*.

1. Students must complete a comprehensive essay examination in their senior year. Students should see their English advisor to learn the minimal acceptable score.
2. Students in the English Major who are not pursuing teacher certification are required to complete a minor. English Majors may also complete the Professional Writing Minor but the same courses may not be used to meet both major and minor requirements. Depending on their career interests, English majors might consider a minor in Pre-Law, Religious Studies, Spanish, Psychology, Sociology, Criminal Justice, Political Science, Business, Computer Science, History, African and African American Studies, or Music, etc.

The English program also offers two minors: a Minor in English and a Minor in Professional Writing. The Minor in English provides students with a foundation in English language, literature and writing studies. The Minor in Professional Writing is interdisciplinary and designed to complement a wide variety of majors, including Business, History, Computer Science, Communication, Political Science, Psychology, Natural Sciences and Sociology.

Requirements for a Major in English

The required English core curriculum courses for English majors include ENGL 1301, ENGL 1302 and two sophomore literature courses selected from ENGL 2341, 2331, 2326, and 2304.

The English major requires 36 semester hours of courses in addition to the English core courses.

Requirements for the English Major (both concentrations, Literary Arts & Writing Arts)

3 hours ENGL 3303 Language and Culture
3 hours ENGL 3353 Advanced Composition
3 hours ENGL 4393 Senior Seminar in Literary and Writing Arts
9 hours

I. Requirements for the English Major: Literary Arts

3 hours ENGL 3310 Topics in U.S. Literature
3 hours ENGL 3380 Topics in World Literature
3 hours ENGL 3340 Topics in English Literatures
3 hours ENGL 3327 Topics in Creative Writing
3 hours ENGL 4303 Modern Critical Theory
3 hours ENGL 4373 African American Literature
9 hours Approved electives
27 hours + 9 hours major core = 36 hours

Approved Electives:

ENGL 2353 Professional Writing Technologies

BUSI 2301 Business Communications
 COMM 4340 Topics in Journalism Writing and Editing
 ENGL 3393 Introduction to Technical Writing
 ENGL 2306 Literature for Children and Adolescents
 ENGL 4353 Special Topics in Literary and Writing Arts (may be offered as a service practicum for internship)
 ENGL 3323 Teaching Writing (required for secondary education certification)
 ENGL 3363 Advanced Rhetoric and Argumentation
 Any English Topics course, different topic
 Any course from the other concentration (for Literary Arts majors)

II. Requirements for the English Major: Writing Arts

3 hours ENGL 1304 Introduction to Creative Writing
 3 hours ENGL 3310 Topics in U.S. Literature
 OR ENGL 3380 Topics in World Literature
 OR ENGL 3340 Topics in English Literature
 OR ENGL 4373 African American Literature
 9 hours ENGL 3327 Topics in Creative Writing (three different topics/genres)
 3 hours ENGL 3333 Layout and Design
 3 hours ENGL 3393 Technical Writing OR ENGL 3323 Teaching Writing
 OR ENGL 3363 Advanced Rhetoric and Argumentation
 3 hours ENGL 2353 Professional Writing Technologies
3 hours ENGL 4301 Editing the Magazine
27 hours + 9 hours major core = 36 hours

Requirements for a Minor in English

Students pursuing a Minor in English must complete at least 18 semester hours of coursework.

3 hours English 3303 Language and Culture or English 4303 Modern Critical Theory
 3 hours English 4373 African American Literature
 6 hours upper-division writing courses:
 ENGL 3353 Advanced Composition or
 ENGL 3327 Topics in Creative Writing or
 ENGL 3393 Technical Writing or
 ENGL 3363 Advanced Rhetoric and Argumentation or Teaching Writing
 6 hours upper-division literature courses:
 ENGL 3340 Topics in English Literatures or
 ENGL 3310 Topics in U.S. Literature or
 ENGL 3380 Topics in World Literature

Requirements for a Minor in Professional Writing

Students pursuing a Minor in Professional Writing must complete at least 18 semester hours of coursework.

3 hours ENGL 3353 Advanced Composition (or approved substitute for English majors)
 3 hours ENGL 3393 Technical Writing