

Major in English and Creative Writing (B.A. or B.F.A.)

35-37 Credits

All students intending to complete the major in English and Creative Writing will complete the following core courses:

Required Courses:	15 Credits
ENG 209 Survey of American Literature	3 credits
ENG 211 Masterpieces of English Literature	3 credits
ENG 278 Introduction to Critical Analysis and Literary Theory	3 credits
ENG 221 OR ENG 322 Shakespeare's Comedies or Shakespeare's Tragedies	3 credits
CW 221 Introduction to Creative Writing	3 credits

Students will choose to follow either a concentration in English Literature for the B.A. degree or a concentration in Creative Writing for the B.F.A. degree.

Learning Outcomes: English Literature concentration:

Upon completion of the concentration in English Literature students will be expected to:

1. Identify and discuss the central characteristics and innovations of important literary movements;
2. Write essays on literary topics which demonstrate mastery of clear expository prose;
3. Demonstrate skills in undergraduate research and MLA documentation style; and
4. Demonstrate a commitment to the life-long enjoyment of literary texts and traditions through the development of an annotated reading list.

Requirements for the concentration in English Literature (B.A.)

35–37 Credits

Core Requirements:

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ENG 209 Survey of American Literature	3 credits
ENG 211 Masterpieces of English Literature	3 credits
ENG 278 Introduction to Critical Analysis and Literary Theory	3 credits
ENG 221 or ENG 322 Shakespeare's Comedies or Shakespeare's Tragedies	3 credits
CW 221 Introduction to Creative Writing	3 credits

English Literature Requirements:

20 - 22 credits

Two upper level British literature courses	6 credits
Two upper level American literature courses	6 credits
Two additional upper level ENG courses	6 credits
An internship, practicum, or guided independent study	1-3 credits
ENG 453 Senior Portfolio and Review	1 credit

**Requirements for the concentration in Creative Writing (B.F.A.):
Core Requirements:**

**36-38 Credits
15 credits**

ENG 209 Survey of American Literature	3 credits
ENG 211 Masterpieces of English Literature	3 credits
ENG 278 Introduction to Critical Analysis and Literary Theory	3 credits
ENG 221 or ENG 322 Shakespeare's Comedies or Shakespeare's Tragedies	3 credits
CW 221 Introduction to Creative Writing	3 credits

Creative Writing Requirements:

21 -23 credits

ENG 250 Poetry of the 20 th Century	3 credits
Two Creative Writing Topics (CW 220) courses	3 credits
Two upper level Creative Writing workshops	6 credits
One upper level course in ENG, CW, RST or PHI	3 credits
An internship or practicum	1-3 credits
CW 479 Thesis and Presentation*	4 credits
CW 480 Publication	1 credit

*Thesis and Presentation: Students completing the Creative Writing concentration for the B.F.A. degree will submit a thesis of imaginative work and an essay on a personal theory of writing. Students will also participate in an oral defense of the thesis before a committee of three faculty members. The thesis itself may be in one or several genres; that is, a student could submit a thesis that combines poetry and fiction or combines creative nonfiction and drama.

Poetry: 20-30 pages

Fiction: 30-40 pages

Creative Nonfiction: 30-40 pages

Drama: 25-35 pages

Theory of Writing: 6-10 pages

Honors in English

A major may receive "Honors in English" upon meeting the following criteria:

1. Achieving a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better in all courses and a 3.3 or better in courses in English.
2. Completing six (6) credits of work on an honors thesis or project, including ENG 497 (academic honors), with a grade point average of 3.3 or better.
3. Completing and successfully defending a thesis or project in a comprehensive oral examination before an examining committee composed of at least one member of the English program, one faculty member outside the program, and one additional outside examiner.