ENGLISH, BACHELOR OF ARTS

College of Letters & Science

The Major Program

The study of English develops skills in reading analytically and perceptively and in writing clearly and effectively. Students major in English by taking courses in a wide variety of media, genres, topics, and historical periods. All students are introduced to the major by completing 20 units spread over courses in writing, any one of many topics courses, and the gateway series to the English major that covers “Literature in English” from the earliest medieval texts to the present. Students then build their own path through the major depending upon their particular interests, eventually completing 44 more units covering different historical periods, methods of theory and criticism, and thematic focuses. After a shared set of courses, students choose to specialize either in Literary Criticism and Theory or Creative Writing. All majors have the opportunity to work with distinguished writers, critics, scholars, and teachers.

English majors learn how to:

• Write clearly and effectively.
• Think creatively and analytically.
• Organize and communicate ideas creatively and efficiently.
• Analyze and critically evaluate language and other forms of representation.
• Understand texts within their historical, political, and cultural contexts.
• Recognize and evaluate various perspectives, through creating or reading fiction, drama, and poetry.
• Evaluate how fictional and non-fictional narratives structure thought and action.
• Read long texts closely, analytically, and efficiently.
• Respond spontaneously with organized, clear statements and ideas.

Career Options

Graduates have found the major excellent pre-professional training for careers in teaching, writing, law, medicine, library work, journalism, and more. Many graduates are employed in publishing, marketing, advertising, or the tech sector. Others have worked in local, state, and federal government agencies, as well as in industry. Many have gone on to graduate study in a wide range of fields including English, education, counseling, and more.

Major Advisors


Major Advising

All new and prospective English majors are encouraged to see an undergraduate staff advisor, individually, once per year, at minimum.

Foreign Languages

Students who contemplate advanced study in English should prepare for foreign language requirements for higher degrees and should consult with the graduate advisor.

Undergraduate Advisor

See English (http://english.ucdavis.edu) or the Departmental Advising Office in 177/179 Voorhies Hall.

Honors & Honors Program

A Senior Honors Program is available to an invited group of English majors, who prepare and write a Senior Thesis (either a research paper or creative writing) in their final year. The critical honors program consists of 4 units of 194H and 4 units of 195H, normally taken during winter and spring quarters of the senior year. The creative writing honors program consists of 4 units of 100FA or 100PA, normally taken during spring quarter of the junior year, and 4 units of 195H, normally taken winter quarter of the senior year. Completion of the program is a prerequisite for High or Highest Honors at graduation. Eligibility criteria and application materials may be obtained at the Undergraduate Advising office in 177 Voorhies Hall or see English (http://english.ucdavis.edu). For more details, see Graduation Honors.

Education Abroad Options

The department strongly encourages interested students to pursue their studies abroad. It is possible for students to complete significant portions of the English major provided that the course is evaluated as at least 4 UC Davis units; the course is considered upper division by the standards set forth by UC Davis Study Abroad; and the student presents copies of the coursework, syllabus, and writing assignments to the department’s advising staff.

Teaching Credential Subject Representative

A major in English qualifies students for subject matter preparation for the teaching credential.

Entry Level Writing

Students must have met the Entry Level Writing requirement before taking any course in English.

Prerequisites

ENL 003 or UWP 001 is required for admission into all preparatory courses (ENL 040, ENL 041, ENL 043, ENL 044, ENL 045, ENL 010A, ENL 010B, ENL 010C), and all upper division courses, unless otherwise stated in the course listings. COM 001, COM 002, COM 003, or COM 004 or NAS 005 may normally be substituted for ENL 003 or UWP 001.

Coursework

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Choose one:
- ENL 040  Introductory Topics in Literature  4
- ENL 041  Introductory Topics in Literature & Media
- ENL 043  Introductory Topics in Drama
- ENL 044  Introductory Topics in Fiction
- ENL 045  Introductory Topics in Poetry

Preparatory Subject Matter Subtotal  20

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**Historical Distribution Requirements**

Choose three courses focusing on literature written in English before 1800, at least one of which must be on literature written primarily before 1500:

**Before 1500**

- ENL 111  Topics in Medieval Literature
- ENL 113A  Chaucer: Troilus & the "Minor" Poems
- ENL 113B  Chaucer: The Canterbury Tales

**1500-1800**

- ENL 115  Topics in 16th- & 17th-Century Literature
- ENL 117  Shakespeare
- ENL 122  Milton
- ENL 123  18th-Century British Literature
- ENL 142  Early American Literature
- ENL 150A  British Drama to 1800
- ENL 155A  18th-Century British Novel
- ENL 185A  Literature by Women Before 1800

Choose one course focusing on literature written in English between 1800 and 1900:

- ENL 130  British Romantic Literature
- ENL 133  19th-Century British Literature
- ENL 143  19th-Century American Literature to the Civil War
- ENL 144  Post-Civil War American Literature
- ENL 155B  19th-Century British Novel
- ENL 158A  The American Novel to 1900
- ENL 181A  African American Literature to 1900
- ENL 185B  Literature by Women from 1800-1900

Choose one course focusing on literature written in English between 1900 and present:

- ENL 125  Topics in Irish Literature
- ENL 137  British Literature, 1900-1945
- ENL 138  British Literature, 1945 to Present
- ENL 146  American Literature 1900-1945
- ENL 147  American Literature, 1945 to the Present
- ENL 150B  Drama from 1800 to the Present
- ENL 154  The Graphic Novel
- ENL 155C  20th-Century British Novel
- ENL 156  The Short Story
- ENL 157  Detective Fiction
- ENL 158B  The American Novel from 1900 to the Present

ENL 166  Love & Desire in Contemporary American Poetry
ENL 167  20th-Century African American Poetry
ENL 168  20th-Century American Poetry
ENL 181B  African American Literature 1900-Present
ENL 185C  Literature by Women after 1900

**Non-Historical Distribution Requirements**

Choose one course on literatures, race, and ethnicity:

- ENL 139  Topics in Global Literatures & Cultures
- ENL 140  Topics in Postcolonial Literatures & Cultures
- ENL 141  Topics in Diasporic Literatures & Migration
- ENL 167  20th-Century African American Poetry
- ENL 178  Topics in Nations, Regions, & Other Cultural Geographies

- ENL 179  Topics in Comparative Racial & Ethnic Literary Studies
- ENL 181A  African American Literature to 1900
- ENL 181B  African American Literature 1900-Present
- ENL 182  Literature of California

Choose one in-depth topic course in language, media, and literature:

- ENL 105  History of the English Language
- ENL/LIN/UWP 106  English Grammar
- ENL 107  Freedom of Expression
- ENL 120  Law & Literature
- ENL 160  Film as Narrative
- ENL 162  Film Theory & Criticism
- ENL/STS 164  Writing Science
- ENL 171A  The Bible as Literature: The Old Testament
- ENL 171B  The Bible as Literature: Prophets & New Testament
- ENL/CDM/STS 172  Video Games & Culture
- ENL/STS 173  Science Fiction
- ENL 180  Children’s Literature
- ENL 183  Young Adult Literature
- ENL 184  Literature & the Environment
- ENL 186  Literature, Sexuality & Gender
- CDM/ENL/STS 172  Video Games & Culture
- LIN/LIN/WEB 106  English Grammar
- STS/CDM/ENL 172  Video Games & Culture
- STS/ENL 173  Science Fiction
- UWP/ENL/LIN 106  English Grammar

Please note that while some courses are identified as fulfilling more than one distribution requirement, a given course can only fulfill one such requirement.

**Area of Emphasis**

Choose at least one:

- Literature, Criticism, & Theory (p. 3)
- Creative Writing (p. 3)
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**Total Units**: 12

### Literature, Criticism, & Theory Emphasis

Please note that English ENL 110A or ENL 110B is a prerequisite for advanced study in the major.

### Creative Writing Emphasis

Please note that students must select courses in more than one genre.

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