

English Major: Degree Requirements

The English major fosters skills in critical analysis, independent thinking, creativity, research, and writing through a focus on both literature and creative writing. The program is designed to lay a foundation for a wide range of careers in which clear communication and thinking, as well as research skills, are needed. Students can choose from a concentration in either Literary Studies or Creative Writing.

You can download this document to use as a template for your personalized plan of study. You can also contact Dr. Chris Drew, the English Department Advisor and Director of Undergraduate Studies, via email at chris.drew@indstate.edu with any questions you might have.

Part I:

Required English Coursework for All English Majors (21 credits)

1. Shared English Core (15 credits):

- ENG 230: Literary Analysis (3 credits)
- ENG 240: American Literature I (3 credits)
- ENG 241: American Literature II (3 credits)
- ENG 250: British Literature I (3 credits)
- ENG 251: British Literature II (3 credits)

2. Advanced English Major Coursework (6 credits):

- ENG 308: Practical Literary Criticism (3 credits)
- ENG 460: Shakespeare (3 credits)

Part II:

Choose One of the Following Two Concentrations (27 credits)

1. Creative Writing Concentration:

a. Required Courses in the Concentration (15 credits):

- ENG 324: Fiction Writing Workshop (3 credits)
- ENG 325: Poetry Writing Workshop (3 credits)
- ENG 327: Creative Nonfiction Workshop (3 credits)
- ENG 329: Contemporary Literature (3 credits)

- ENG 485: Literary Citizenship and Publishing (3 credits)

b. Elective Courses in the Concentration (12 credits):

Choose Two 400-Level Workshop Courses:

- ENG 424: Advanced Fiction Writing Workshop (3 credits)
- ENG 425: Advanced Poetry Writing Workshop (3 credits)
- ENG 427: Advanced Creative Nonfiction Writing Workshop (3 credits)

Choose Two Additional 3/400-level English Elective Courses:

- Any two courses in any English discipline (creative writing, language, or literature) not previously taken to satisfy a major/concentration requirement can be taken to satisfy this elective category.

2. Literary Studies Concentration:

a. Required Courses in the Concentration (12 credits):

- ENG 447: Seminar in American Literature (3 credits)
- ENG 462: Seminar in British Literature before 1800 (3 credits)
- ENG 463: Seminar in British Literature since 1800 (3 credits)
- ENG 484: Interrelations of Literature (3 credits)

b. Elective Courses in the Concentration (15 credits):

Choose One Course in the English Language:

- ENG 310: English Grammar for Teachers and Writers (3 credits)
- ENG 410: History of the English Language (3 credits)

Choose One Course in Diversity:

- ENG 339: Women's Literature (3 credits)
- ENG 340: Multicultural American Literature (3 credits)
- ENG 346: Modern Black American Literature (3 credits)
- ENG 418: Topics in Women's Literature (3 credits)

Choose One Course in Popular Culture:

- ENG 329: Contemporary Literature (3 credits)
- ENG 335: Science Fiction as Social Criticism (3 credits)

Choose One 300-level Creative Writing Workshop Course:

- ENG 324: Fiction Writing Workshop (3 credits)
- ENG 325: Poetry Writing Workshop (3 credits)
- ENG 327: Creative Nonfiction Workshop (3 credits)

Choose One Additional 3/400 level English Elective Course

- Any course in any English discipline (creative writing, language, or literature) not previously taken to satisfy a major/concentration requirement can be taken to satisfy this elective category.

**Part III:
Foundational Studies Coursework
(33–36 credits)**

Choose Coursework in the Following Required FS Categories:

- Freshman Composition (3–6 credits)
 - *ENG 108 recommended*
- Communication (3 credits)
- Quantitative Literacy (3 credits)
- Health & Wellness (3 credits)
- Science & Laboratory (4 credits)
- Social & Behavioral Sciences (3 credits)
- Literary Studies (3 credits)
 - *ENG 338, ENG 339, or ENG 346 recommended*
- Fine & Performing Arts(3 credits)
 - *ENG 219 recommended*
- Historical Perspectives (3 credits)
- Global Perspectives & Cultural Diversity (3 credits)
 - *ENG 340 recommended*
- Ethics & Social Responsibility (3 credits)
- 1 Upper Division Integrative Elective (3 credits)
 - *ENG 335, ENG 486, or ENG 487 recommended*

Note:

The following Foundational Studies categories are fulfilled by corresponding required coursework in the English major:

- Junior Composition: ENG 308
- 1 Upper Division Integrative Elective: ENG 484

- 1 additional UDIE required¹

Additional Foundational Studies requirements can also be fulfilled by coursework in the English major, *if* the student chooses one the following courses in the listed elective categories:

- Literary Studies: ENG 339 or ENG 346
- Global Perspectives & Cultural Diversity: ENG 340
- Upper Division Integrative Elective: ENG 335, ENG 486, or ENG 487

Double Majors

Because the English major has a relatively small number of total required credit hours, some students might consider a double major that combines English and another discipline of interest. In fact, a notable strength of the English major is how its content easily complements so many other degrees. Students are encouraged to consult with their academic advisor for further information on adding a second major.

Minors for English Majors

Students can, but are not required to, choose a minor course of study. Much like a double-major, the English major can be usefully augmented by a wide variety of minors, and students are encouraged to consult with their academic advisor for further information on adding a minor.

Additional information and degree maps can be found in the ISU Undergraduate Catalog:
https://catalog.indstate.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=50&poid=8090&returnto=1835

¹ The second UDIE requirement can be waived by completion of minor, second major, or Honors College curriculum.