Nebraska Wesleyan University

English (B.A.)

Catalog

2017-2018

Program Description

The B.A. in English requires basic coursework in literature, writing, and language theory, and provides flexibility to students in pursuing additional courses that match their areas of interest and career goals. It can lead to graduate study in English, creative writing, law, or other academic or professional areas.

Foreign language study is strongly encouraged for all English majors.

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Departments

1. English

English Major (B.A.**, 41 hours)

Core Courses	16 hours
ENG 2000 Introduction to Textual Studies	4 hours
Language Theory (choose 4 credit hours from the following): • ENG 2510 Introduction to Linguistics • ENG 2520 History of English • ENG 2600 Introduction to Ancient Rhetoric • ENG 3530 Studies in Linguistics • ENG 3630 Studies in Rhetoric	4 hours
Literature (choose 4 credit hours from the following): • ENG 2050 Introduction to British Literature • ENG 2070 Introduction to U.S. Literature • ENG 2400 Moby-Dick and Democracy • ENG 3000 Shakespeare • ENG 3200 Monsters, Miracles, and Magic in the Literature of Later Medieval England • ENG 3210 Chaucer • ENG 3230 American Transcendentalism • ENG 3240 Literature of the 1920s I • ENG 3250 Postmodernism • ENG 3260 Greek Drama • ENG 3280 Literature of the 1920s II • ENG 3310 Tocqueville's Democracy in America • ENG 3320 Irish Literature and Irish Nationalism • ENG 3360 Modern Novel • ENG 3370 Chicano Novel • ENG 3410 Women Writing Across Cultures • ENG 3500 Postcolonial and Global Literature • ENG 3800 African-American Literature	4 hours

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Writing (choose 4 credit hours from the following):	4 hours

- ENG 2170 Introduction to Fiction Writing
- ENG 2190 Introduction to Poetry Writing
- ENG 3020 Studies in Writing
- ENG 3030 Studies in Writing: Writing the Body
- ENG 3150 Professional and Community Writing
- ENG 3170 Advanced Topics in Fiction Writing
- ENG 3190 Advanced Topics in Poetry Writing
- JOURN 2610 News Reporting
- JOURN 2620 Feature Writing

Experiential Learning	1 hour

Select one course from:

- EDUC 3600 Student Teaching for English Language Learning
- EDUC 4870 Supervised Teaching in the Secondary School
- ENG 2970 Internship
- ENG 4970 Internship
- JOURN 2690 Journalism Laboratory
- JOURN 2970 Internship
- JOURN 4970 Internship

With permission of the instructor and chair, students may also apply other experiential learning courses (e.g., MLANG 3910 Engaging in Study Abroad; IDS-3200-3290 Experiential Learning in the Threads, or IDS 3010 Archway Seminar Student Instructors if they can demonstrate relevance to the English major.

Electives	18 hours

Select from any English or Journalism course. Six hours must be upper level (3000-4000 level).
May also include THTRE 2000 Play Reading, for up to three credit hours, and THTRE 2810 Playwriting I, or may include the following Education courses: ENG 2690/EDUC 2690 Young Adult Literature, EDUC 3390 Methods for Teaching Reading and Writing in 7-12, and EDUC 3600 Student Teaching for English Language Learning). Only one Topics in World Literature course (ENG 2200, ENG 2210, ENG 2220, ENG 2230, ENG 2240, ENG 2250, ENG 2260, ENG 2270, ENG 2280) may be counted towards the English major.

Capstone Courses	6 hours
ENG 4980 Ways of Reading: Theory and Practice	4 hours
ENG 4990 Senior Workshop	2 hours

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First-year writing courses (ENG 1010FYW, ENG 1020FYW, ENG 1030FYW, ENG 1040FYW, ENG 1050FYW, ENG 1060FYW, ENG 1070FYW, ENG 1080FYW, and ENG 1090FYW) may not count toward an English major.

Students who wish to meet Nebraska certification regulation for the teaching of English in secondary schools may include ENG 2690 Young Adult Literature and ENG 3260 Greek Drama as electives within the major. Students should consult the Department of Education regarding additional Nebraska certification requirements.

***An English major customarily earns a B.A. degree. However, if a student has a first major that is associated with a different baccalaureate degree, the English major may serve as a second major for the degree associated with the first major (B.S., B.FA., B.M., B.S.N.).*