Nebraska Wesleyan University

English and Writing (B.A.)

Catalog

2024-2025

Program Description

The B.A. in English and Writing 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 and Writing majors. Students may request the department chair to use Modern Language courses that emphasize the study of literature taken by the student to count toward the Literature area of the major or as an elective of the major.

Each student graduating with a major in English and Writing will participate in a senior skills reflection, normally in conjunction with ENG 2000 Introduction to Textual Studies and ENG 4990 Senior Capstone. These reviews will provide a means of self-assessment for each student and program assessment for the department.

Departments

1. English

English and Writing Major (B.A.**, 32-37 hours)

Core Courses	21-24 hours
ENG 2000 Introduction to Textual Studies	4 hours
Theories and Methodologies (choose 3-4 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 • ENG 3980 Ways Of Reading: Theory And Practice • HIST 2800 Historical Methods • PHIL 3270 Feminist Theories • PHIL 3300 Radical Philosophies	3-4 hours

Core Courses	21-24 hours

Literature (choose 7-8 credit hours from the following, 3-4 of these credits must be at the 3000/4000 level):

- ENG 2050 Introduction to British Literature
- ENG 2070 Introduction to U.S. Literature
- ENG 2200 World Literature: Sexualities
- ENG 2220 Topics in World Literature: Nation and Identity
- ENG 2230 Topics in World Literature: Democracy
- ENG 2240 Topics in World Literature: Revolution and Radical Change
- ENG 2250 Topics in World Literature: Health and Illness
- ENG 2260 Topics in World Literature: Religious Experience
- ENG 2270 Topics in World Literature: Environment
- ENG 2280 Topics in World Literature: Ethics and Justice
- ENG 2290 Topics in World Literature: Inclusion and Exclusion
- ENG 2300 Topics in World Literature: War
- ENG 2690 Young Adult Literature/EDUC 2690
- ENG 3210 Chaucer
- ENG 3260 Greek Drama
- ENG 3360 Modern Novel
- ENG 3410 Women Writing Across Cultures
- ENG 3500 Postcolonial and Global Literature
- ENG 3800 African-American Literature

7-8 hours

Writing (choose 7-8 credit hours from the following, 3-4 of these credits must be at the 3000/4000 level):

- ENG 2170 Introduction to Fiction Writing
- ENG 2190 Introduction to Poetry Writing
- ENG 2630 Journalism And Free Speech
- ENG 3020 Studies in Writing: Risk Fiction
- ENG 3030 Studies in Writing: Writing the Body
- ENG 3040 Studies In Writing: Scriptwriting
- ENG 3050 Studies In Writing: Hybrid Genres
- ENG 3070 Studies In Writing: Creative Nonfiction
- ENG 3080 Studies In Writing: Biography & Memoir
- ENG 3150 Professional and Community Writing
- ENG 3170 Advanced Fiction Writing: Finding Your Voice
- ENG 3190 Advanced Topics in Poetry Writing
- THTRE 2810 Playwriting I
- THTRE 3840 Playwriting II

7-8 hours

Electives	7-8 hours

Select 7-8 credits from any English course.

3-4 hours must be at the 3000-4000 level with an additional 4 credits at the 2000 or higher level

May include following Education courses:

- EDUC 3390 Methods for Teaching Reading and Writing in 7-12
- EDUC 3600 Student Teaching for English Language Learning

May include the following Theatre courses:

- THTRE 2810 Playwriting I
- THTRE 3840 Playwriting II

Capstone Courses	4 hours

All majors will choose one path from the options listed below for their capstone experience.

Internship option:

ENG 4970 Capstone Internship

OR

Critical or creative thesis option:

ENG 4990 Senior Capstone

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

Students who are pursuing secondary certification and who will be student teaching in spring of their senior year should take either ENG 4970 Capstone Internship or ENG 4990 Senior Capstone in spring of their junior year.

***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.).*