Nebraska Wesleyan University

English and Writing (B.A.)

Catalog

2025-2026

Program Description

The B.A. in English and Writing requires basic coursework in literature, writing, and 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.

Departments

1. English

English and Writing Major (B.A.**, 32-46 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 2520 The History and Structure of the English Language • ENG 3980 Ways Of Reading: Theory And Practice • PHIL 3270 Feminist Theories	3-4 hours
Literature (choose 7-8 credit hours from the following, 3-4 of these credits must be at the 3000/4000 level) and an additional 4 credits, minimum, in other 2000 level or above course(s): • 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 2250 Topics in World Literature: Health and Illness • EDUC 2690 Young Adult Literature • ENG 3360 Modern Novel • ENG 3410 Women Writing Across Cultures • ENG 3500 Postcolonial and Global Literature • ENG 3710 Shakespeare And Justice • ENG 3720 Shakespeare and Power • ENG 3730 Shakespeare and Gender • ENG 3740 Shakespeare and Identity • ENG 3800 African-American Literature	7-8 hours

Core Courses	21-24 hours
Writing (choose 7-8 credit hours from the following, 3-4 of these credits must be at the 3000/4000 level and an additional 4 credits, minimum, in other 2000 level or above course(s): • 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 3050 Studies In Writing: Hybrid Genres • ENG 3070 Studies In Writing: Creative Nonfiction • 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 from any English course.

A student must take 3-4 hours at the 3000-4000 level and an additional 4 credits, minimum, at the 2000 level or above course(s)

May include following Education courses:

- EDUC 3260 Methods for Teaching English in 6-12
- EDUC 3390 Methods for Teaching Reading and Writing in 6 -12

May include the following Theatre courses:

- THTRE 2810 Playwriting I
- THTRE 3840 Playwriting II

Capstone Courses	4-14 hours
All majors will choose one path from the options listed below for their capstone experience.	
Students wishing to do an internship experience for their capstone should register for the following: ENG 4970 Capstone Internship	
Students wishing to do either a critical or creative thesis should register for the following: ENG 4990 Senior Capstone	
Students wishing to use student teach for their English and Writing capstone experience should register for the following: EDUC 4870 Supervised Teaching in the Secondary School	

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

Students who wish to meet Nebraska certification regulation for the teaching of English in secondary schools 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.).*