Nebraska Wesleyan University

English and Writing (B.A.)

Catalog

2026-2027

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.**, 31-40 hours)

Core Courses	17-20 hours
Theories and Methodologies (choose 3-4 credit hours from the following): • ENG 2520 History of English & Structure of 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): • EDUC 2690 Young Adult Literature • ENG 2050 Introduction to British Literature • ENG 2070 Introduction to U.S. Literature • ENG 2200 Gender and Sexuality • ENG 2220 Nation and Identity • ENG 2250 Health and Illness • 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 • THTRE 2010 Dramatic Literature: Pulitzer Prize • THTRE 2020 Dramatic Literature: Tony Awards • THTRE 2030 Dramatic Literature: American Comedy • THTRE 2050 Dramatic Literature: Gender and Sexuality • THTRE 2060 Dramatic Literature: Banned and Censored	7-8 hours

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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 2180 Introduction To Creative Nonfiction • 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 • SOC 3290 Grant Writing and Evaluation • THTRE 2810 Playwriting I • THTRE 3840 Playwriting II Students who take ENG 3970 Internship with a writing-oriented internship may count their internship in the Writing area of the major with approval of the Associate Dean.	7-8 hours
Electives	**10-12 hours**
Select from any English course. A student must take 3-4 hours at the 3000-4000 level and an additional 7-8 credits, minimum, at the 2000 level or above course(s) May include following Education courses: • EDUC 2690 Young Adult Literature • EDUC 3260 Methods for Teaching English in 6-12 • EDUC 3390 Methods for Teaching Reading and Writing in 6 -12 May include the following courses: • IDS 2940 Creative Community Partner Internship • SOC 3290 Grant Writing and Evaluation • THTRE 2810 Playwriting I • THTRE 3840 Playwriting II	
Capstone Courses	**4-8 hours**
ARHUM 4980 Vocation Seminar	1 hour
Students choose one of the following (minimum of 3 hours): • ARHUM 4970A Capstone Internship • ARHUM 4970B Capstone Internship • ARHUM 4970C Capstone Internship • ARHUM 4990 Capstone Project • EDUC 4870 Supervised Teaching in the Secondary School	3 hours

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.F.A., B.M., B.S.N.).*