

ENGLISH WRITING

Writing is an art. If you wish to pursue a career in the field of communication, the English writing degree provides a wonderful platform for you to develop your language skills. You'll learn to use language as a form of artistic expression and effective communication by practicing writing through different styles – short stories, poems, essays, informational and how-to writing, linguistics, and even journalism. English literature will also broaden your horizon in the language field, ranging from classic to contemporary. With an English writing degree from Wayne State, you can look forward to a career in any field that relies on good communication – law, media, publishing, public relations, and teaching, just to name a few.

fast facts

Credit hours: 33

Students must also take 30 credit hours of General Studies courses. A total of 120 credit hours are needed to graduate from WSC. Additional majors or minors can be added to help meet graduation requirements.

Degree options: B.A. or B.S.

Department: Language and Literature

School: Arts and Humanities

Popular minors: Editing and Publishing, Electronic Media, Digital Film Production, Journalism, Online and Social Media, Philosophy, Pre-Law

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Refined / advanced writing
- Writing poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction
- Linguistic theory and applications
- Literary analysis
- Editing and proofreading
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Research and analysis
- Cultural awareness
- Communication
- Time management

Possible Careers

- Author
- Editor
- Publisher
- Journalist
- Copywriter
- Speechwriter
- Policy or grant writer
- Reporter
- Blogger
- Legal or technical writer

Types of Employers

- Publishing companies
- Newspapers and magazines
- Schools, colleges, and universities
- Businesses and organizations
- Government agencies
- Marketing firms
- Hospitals and medical clinics
- Non-profit organizations
- Public offices
- Self-employment

outside the classroom



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Activities / Opportunities

- Conferences and writing programs
- The Judas Goat
- The Nebraska Territory
- Plains Writers Series
- Poetry and fiction slams
- Study Abroad
- WSC Press

Clubs / Organizations

- Forensics Team
- Literature Club
- Sigma Tau Delta (National English Honorary)
- The Wayne Stater

The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

Program courses

English Core Courses

ENG 270 Critical Approaches to Literature.....	3
ENG 480 Senior Seminar	3
Select one of the following.....	3
ENG 150 Topics in Literature (3)	
ENG 260 Studies in Genre (3)	
ENG 280 Themes and Movements in Literature (3)	
Select one of the following.....	3
ENG 200 Expository Writing (3)	
ENG 202 Poetry Workshop (3)	
ENG 203 Fiction Workshop (3)	
ENG 204 Creative Nonfiction Workshop (3)	
Select one of the following.....	3
ENG 383 Film and Literature (3)	
ENG 384 World Literature (3)	

Writing Concentration

ENG 426 Linguistic Theory and Applications.....	3
Select two of the following.....	6
ENG 200 Expository Writing (3)	
ENG 202 Poetry Workshop (3)	
ENG 203 Fiction Workshop (3)	
ENG 204 Creative Nonfiction Workshop (3)	
ENG 206 Workplace Writing (3)	
Select two of the following.....	6
ENG 402 Advanced Poetry Workshop (3)	
ENG 403 Advanced Fiction Workshop (3)	
ENG 404 Advanced Creative Nonfiction Workshop (3)	
Select one of the following.....	3
PHI 310 Logic (3)	
Upper-level ENG course	

Student learning outcomes

1. Analyze works of literature in English
2. Evaluate works of literature in English
3. Explain how social, philosophical, and cultural factors influence language
4. Demonstrate effective skills in written communication for a range of genres, purposes, and audiences

language and literature faculty



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