

ENGLISH WRITING AND LITERATURE

You love to read, and you love to write. With the English Writing and Literature degree program, you get the best of both worlds – studying English literature and using literature as the inspiration for your own writing. You'll study classic literature to develop your fluency and intellect and learn how to write with clarity and precision. You'll get to analyze everything from the Old and New Testaments to Homer, Virgil, and Shakespeare, as well as modern and post-modern European, British, and American poetry, drama, and fiction. The English Writing and Literature degree program can deepen your knowledge and prepare you for careers deeply rooted in language and rhetoric – careers such as law, public relations, speechwriting, publishing, reporting, theatre, and teaching.

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Credit hours: 51

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 pairings: Business Administration, Communication Studies, Editing and Publishing, Online and Social Media, Philosophy, Spanish

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Creative writing
- Refined / advanced writing
- Writing poetry and fiction
- Writing creative nonfiction
- World literature across various cultures
- Shakespearean plays and poetry
- Linguistic theory and applications
- Literary analysis
- Critical thinking and analysis
- Research and analysis

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)	

English Literature Courses

ENG 361 American Literature I	3
ENG 362 American Literature II.....	3
ENG 371 British Literature I.....	3
ENG 372 British Literature II	3
ENG 380 Shakespeare.....	3
Select one of the following.....	3
ENG 381 Classical Mythology (3)	
ENG 382 The Bible as Literature (3)	

English Writing Courses

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)	
Electives (choose from 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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