

Welcome to the English Department

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Overview of Curricular Options within English Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Programs in English

Language, Writing & Rhetoric (LWR)

This concentration trains students to work with the essential tools of writing, communication, presentation, and persuasion. Students in this concentration take courses in rhetoric, journalism, effective communication, and digital media. This is an ideal concentration for students who want to develop their skills in technical and professional writing, journalism, and web design.

Creative Writing (CRW)

This concentration focuses on creative writing in several genres, including fiction, poetry, non-fiction, and screenwriting. Students take a range of courses in English as well as intensive writing workshops that enable them to hone their modes of expression and develop creative approaches to writing in a variety of genres.

Literature (LLT)

The newly revised literature concentration (Fall 2017) offers exciting opportunities to explore interdisciplinary approaches, complete deep study of individual authors, and practice using and creating digital media. Diversity and globalization alter how to read the cultural histories and experiences that define the humanities. In upper-level literature courses (and in the capstone), new interpretive skills are modeled in seminar settings through individual presentations and innovative projects that make the most of small class sizes usually found only in liberal arts colleges.

Film (FLM)

This concentration trains students to work across genres of literary and cinematic representation, focusing on their common source in narrative representation. Students take courses in film analysis, film history, and film and literature, along with additional film and English electives. This is an ideal concentration for students who want to develop their skills in analyzing and writing about film.

Teacher Education (TED)

This curriculum provides the study of education theory and teaching methods that leads to teacher certification in English on the high-school level (grades 9-12). TED graduates typically pursue careers in high school teaching.

All students pursuing a B.A. in English must also fulfill the CHASS Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements.

Suggestions for Freshman Registration

1. **How many hours should you take?** We generally recommend that you register for 15 or 16 hours, unless you anticipate having a demanding work schedule or other time-consuming extra-curricular activities. 12 hours is considered full-time for financial aid, parking stickers, dorm rooms, as well as health insurance and tax deductions (if your parents are still claiming you as a dependant).
2. **Which courses?** Try to select courses that will satisfy your general education requirements. You will find these listed below and on your Audit. We generally encourage students to put together a balanced schedule including courses from at least four different disciplines.
3. **Freshman English: All freshmen must take ENG 101 in their freshmen year.** For information about placing out of Freshman English visit the [First-Year Writing Program](#) website.
4. **Foreign Language:** English majors need to complete at least one semester of a foreign language at the 200 level: through FL201. You may want to continue with your high school foreign language; if necessary the Foreign Language Department has placement tests. FL 101 and 102 are prereqs for FL 201.
5. **Sciences:** You need to take 1 lab sciences (4 credits) and one elective lecture (3 credits). -It would be a good idea to take at least one of these during your freshman year. Read course descriptions before you register. If you do not have a strong science background, some courses (e.g. BIO 105 and 106) are specifically designed for non-science majors. These would probably be better choices for you than CH 101 and 102 or BIO 181. Earth Science (MEA) courses are also popular choices.
6. **Q sections:** These are small classes restricted to freshmen only. We highly recommend that you try to get into one of these classes.
7. **AP and IB Credit:** If you have AP and / or IB scores that have not yet been reported, do not register for classes that you think you might get credit for.
8. **If you are a TED student:** You will be getting a TED advisor and in the meantime, look over the letter we have provided for you from the TED advisors.
9. **If you are ambitious:** you can start getting your Fall courses into your Schedule. These links below help you better understand the Enrollment process so you can go ahead and put courses into your Shopping Cart in preparation for registration at Orientation. Note that courses put into the Planner are easily transferred into Enrollment by clicking on Add to Cart in Enrollment.
 - [Perform a Degree Audit](#) in MyPack Portal
 - Register for classes using the [Enrollment Wizard](#)
 - Map your path to graduation using the [Pack Planner](#) tool
10. **Let me know** if you have any questions! jswarts@ncsu.edu

Recommended Fall Courses for Freshmen

COURSE CATEGORIES

HOURS/CREDITS

The English Major

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All English undergraduate degree programs are comprised of English Core courses, English Major Concentration courses, CHASS courses, General Education Program (GEP) courses, and free electives. To fulfill the **English Major Core** requirements, it is suggested you start with a course from among these in American Lit, British Lit, World Lit, Film, Linguistics or Rhetoric.

Courses in the **English Major Concentration** courses are listed below the English Core on the [Degree Requirements](#) website. You may begin to take these at the 200 level this year.

Remember: **ONLY FIVE 200 level Courses are allowed** in the English Major Core and Concentration together.

Humanities and Social Sciences

ENG 101 **4**

History I **3**

History II **3**

Philosophy: 200 levels **3**

PHI 205 Intro to Philosophy, PHI 221 Moral Issues

NOTE: For other courses in this category, look on your audit

Arts and Letters: your choice of any course listed on your audit **3**

Social Sciences: Choose 200 level courses in **12**

3 different subjects plus 1 elective (below)

Anthropology (ANT), Sociology (SOC), Psychology (PSY), Political Science (PS), and Economics (EC)

ANT 251 Physical Anthropology

GEO 220 Cultural Geography

ANT 252 Cultural Anthropology

PSY 200 Intro to Psych

ANT 261 Tech in Society and Culture

PS201 American Politics and

SOC 202 Principles of sociology

Government

SOC 203 Current Social Problems

PS 204 Problems of American

SOC 204 Sociology and Family

Democracy

SOC 206 Social Deviance

PS 231 Int'l Relations,

SOC 220 Cultural Geography

EC 201 Principles of Microeconomics

SOC 261 Tech in Society and Culture

EC 205 Fundamentals of Economics

NOTE: For other courses in this category, look on your audit.

Foreign Language: 200 level **3**

General Education Plan (GEP) Courses

Math: two courses (according to Placement) **6**

At least one must have a MA or ST prefix: MA 103, 105, 107

NOTE: For other courses in this category, look on your audit.

Natural Sciences: at least one lecture course with a lab (4 credits) **7**
plus one elective course (3 credits):

BIO 105/106 (lec and lab, non-majors)

BIO 181 (4 credits),

CHEM 100 (4 credits, non-majors)

MEA 100 Earth System Science (4 credits)

MEA 101/110 Geology (lec and lab),

MEA 130/135 Weather and Climate (lec and lab),

MEA 150/150L Environmental Issues (lec and lab)

NOTE: For other courses in this category, look on your audit.

PE and Healthy Living: your choice of any 2 courses listed **2**

At least **1** course **MUST** be at the **100 level**.

Additional Breadth: your choice of any 1 Math or Natural **3**
Sciences course on your audit.

Interdisciplinary Perspectives **5 - 6**

IDS 201 Environmental Ethics, IDS 200 Coastal and Ocean Frontiers,

IDS 211 Eating through American History,

IDS 260 Changing Paradigms of Leadership, Learning, and Service

ENT 201 Insects and People,

STS 214 Technology and Values, STS 257 Technology in the Arts

NOTE: The above lists only 200-level courses. There are many 200 level courses on the Interdisciplinary list, plus upper-level courses available according to your interests. Check your audit.

–US Diversity co req (you do not need additional credits for this, but will need to have taken a course on this list for another requirement; this fills the co-req)

–Global Knowledge co req (as above: you do not need additional credits for this)

The best place to take a look at these requirements is on your Degree Audit: MyPack> Student Homepage> Planning & Enrollment> Degree Audit

Your Degree Audit keeps a record of all the courses you need to complete your Degree and all the courses you have taken toward that. It also shows you what courses can be taken for each requirement if you click on ‘Rqmnt Details’ at the right.

Helpful Information Online

- NC State University [Degree Requirements](#) website. View degree course requirements for all 5 English concentrations offered in the College of Humanities & Social Sciences.
- [Using MyPack Portal & Registering for Classes](#) (video)
- [Student Services Center](#)– Helpful information regarding University Calendars, Your Classes, Your Money, Your Degree, and much more
- Learn how to [Perform a Degree Audit](#)
- Map your path to graduation using the [Pack Planner Tool](#). In the future, once choices have been discussed with your advisor, you can use Add to Cart to bring those courses directly into the Enrollment page.
- Use the Search window at the upper right of the [NCSU Homepage](#) to find other NCSU sites.