

## MAJOR REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH 2022-2023

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### **Freshman Admission to the Program**

All freshmen who select English BA on their UB application are listed as approved majors. New students will be contacted by the College of Arts and Sciences Student Advisement & Services office regarding initial course registration after paying their tuition deposit and completing the online Orientation Data Form.

### **Transfer Admission to the Program**

Transfer students are invited to meet with the Department of English Director of Undergraduate Studies to arrange transfer credit for courses to plan a course of study within the major.

### **Current UB Students Applying to the Program**

All students with an interest in reading and writing about literature, creative writing, and journalism, are welcome to apply to the English major, as their sole major, a double major, or a joint major.

To request an application form, please ([nmlazaro@buffalo.edu](mailto:nmlazaro@buffalo.edu)) or visit us in 303 Clemens Hall. After filling out the application, students usually schedule a meeting with the Director of Undergraduate Studies to discuss their course of study.

#### **1. FULL MAJOR IN ENGLISH - Department Requirements for Graduation**

1. Three 200-level English courses (202-299)
2. Ten courses (30 credits) on the 300-400 level, as follows:
  - A. One course (3 credits) in Criticism/Theory – (ENG 301 Criticism, 367 Psychoanalysis & Culture, 369 Literary Theory, 370 Critical Race Theory, 371 Queer Theory, 372 Feminist Theory, 440 Film Theory, 454 Literature and Philosophy, or 455 Cultural Theory)
  - B. Three courses (9 credits) in Earlier Literature (literature written before 1800), chosen from among specified courses that focus on literature written before 1800.
  - C. One course (3 credits) in Breadth of Literary Study, chosen from among specified upper-level English courses that are grounded in perspectives or experience outside the literary mainstream.
  - D. Five courses (15 credits) of additional elective courses, of which four courses (12 credits) must be at the ENG 300-400 level, and one course (3 credits) must be at the ENG 400 level. Internship (ENG 496), independent study (ENG 499), and Communication Literacy II (ENG 350-359) courses cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.

**13 courses (39 credits) in all.**

#### **JOINT MAJOR IN ENGLISH - Department Requirements for Graduation**

Approval by both departments, minimum GPA of 2.0 overall, and completion of the university writing skills requirement.

1. Three 200-level English courses (202-299)
2. Seven courses on the 300-400 level, as follows:
  - A. One course (3 credits) in Criticism/Theory – (ENG 301 Criticism, 369 Literary Theory, 370 Critical Race Theory, 371 Queer Theory, 372 Feminist Theory, 389 Psychoanalysis & Culture, 440 Film Theory, 454 Literature and Philosophy, or 455 Cultural Theory)
  - B. Three courses (9 credits) in Earlier Literature (literature written before 1800), chosen from among specified courses that focus on literature written before 1800.
  - C. One course (3 credits) in Breadth of Literary Study, chosen from among specified upper-level English courses that are grounded in perspectives or experience outside the literary mainstream.
  - D. Two additional (elective) courses in the ENG 300-ENG 400 level, and at least one at the ENG 400 level. Internship (ENG 496), Independent Study (ENG 499), and Communication Literacy II (ENG 350-359) courses cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.

**10 courses (30 credits) in all.**

### 3. MINOR IN ENGLISH

#### Department Requirements for Graduation

1. Two courses (6 credits) of English in the 202-299 range
2. One course (3 credits) in Criticism/Theory
3. One course (3 credits) in Earlier Literature
4. Two electives (6 credits) in the 300-400 level. Internship (ENG 496), independent study (ENG 499), and Communication Literacy II (ENG 350-359) courses cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.

**Six courses (18 credits) in all.**

### 4. GLOBAL FILM MINOR

#### Department Requirements for Graduation

1. Two courses (6 credits) 200-level
2. Four courses (12 credits) in the 300-400 range. Internship (ENG 496), independent study (ENG 499), and Communication Literacy II (ENG 350-359) courses cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.

(Students may also take one course in film production to fulfill the upper division credits for the minor)

**Six courses (18 credits) in all.**

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### 5. ENGLISH HONORS PROGRAM

#### Minimum Requirements for Department Acceptance:

English majors can enter the Honors Program in one of two ways:

- Students with a 3.5 GPA or higher within the major can apply directly to the Office of Undergraduate Studies. Any English major who has a 3.8 GPA within the major, with grades in at least two 200-level and three 300-level English courses may, upon application, enter immediately into the Honors Program. Other applications will be reviewed by the Director of Undergraduate Studies.
- Student can also be nominated by faculty from the English Department. Students who are recommended by faculty must achieve a 3.5 GPA before graduation in order to graduate with honors.

#### Department Requirements for Graduation with Honors

1. At least one English Department honors seminar (3 credits)
2. One Senior Thesis - independent work culminating in a thesis of 30-35 pages. This might be a research essay or a form of creative work. A creative thesis must include two introductory pages placing the work in a conceptual context. The honors student may choose to take either one or two semesters to complete the honors thesis (3-6 credits).

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### 6. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. **Program Planning.** Individual programs should be chosen in a coherent way and should take advantage of groupings and concentrations within the Major.
- B. **Department Advisement and Degree Evaluation.** Feel free to consult with the Undergraduate Director in Clemens 303 about your progress towards the degree or your course selections. English majors should check with the Director if they have questions about their records, department requirements, or their program in general.
- C. **Transfer Credit Evaluation.** Transfer credit is evaluated on an individual basis by the Undergraduate Director. Students must make an appointment with the Undergraduate Director to have an evaluation of transfer work. Students transferring from MFC or who are re-entering after several years' absence should also consult with the Undergraduate Director for an evaluation of their English work. The Department may accept two lower-level and four upper-level transfer courses at the Director's discretion.

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