

ENGLISH MAJOR

Degree Requirements

All students are required to complete overall degree requirements in addition to their major. Please see Degree Completion Requirements (<https://catalog.hiram.edu/undergraduate/student-academic-responsibilities-performance/degree-completion-requirements/>) for full details for students entering in the 2022-2023 catalog year.

Those students who started at Hiram prior to the 2022-2023 academic year will follow the Degree Requirements outlined in your catalog of record.

Major Requirements

The English major encourages students to develop a better understanding of their own culture and other cultures through the examination of literature and language. Through the literature that we read, we connect with others in our own communities and around the world. The program offers opportunities to examine the traditions of English and American literature as well as world and post-colonial works in English and in translation (from Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean as well as Europe, Canada, and Australia). The course of study in the English program offers interested students a structured opportunity to evaluate these texts from a variety of critical perspectives, and, for those so inclined, an array of writing courses in which to develop their creative and expository talents. The English major requires successful completion of 38-47 hours.

Introductory Course (4 hours)

ENGL 10600 TELLING STORIES:READING LIT:IM

Two Courses in American Literature (6-8 hours)

Students must take two courses in American literature. Choose from the following courses:

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 21900	READ AM LIT:IM,UD	1-4
ENGL 32800	STUDIES IN AMERICAN LIT:IM	3
ENGL 35000	AMERICAN LIT I:CA,UD	4
ENGL 35100	AMERICAN LITERATURE II:IM	4

Two Courses in British Literature (6-8 hours)

Students must take two courses in British literature. Choose from the following courses:

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 20900	SHAKESPEARE IN PERFORMANCE:CM	3
ENGL 22200	READ BRIT LIT:CA, IM	1-4
ENGL 26100	SHAKESPEARE:IM	3
ENGL 33000	STUDIES IN BRITISH LIT:IM,CA	3
ENGL 35300	MEDIEVAL LITERATURE:IM,CA	4
ENGL 35400	RENAISSANCE LITERATURE:CA,IM	4
ENGL 35500	18TH CENTURY BRIT LIT:CA,IM	4
ENGL 35600	19TH CENTURY BRIT LIT:CA,IM	4
ENGL 35700	20TH CENTURY BRIT LIT:CA,IM	4

Two Courses in World Literature (6-8 hours)

Students must take two courses in world literature. Choose from the following courses:

Code	Title	Hours
CLAS 24700	THE ANCIENT WORLD IN FILM:CA	3
ENGL 22600	READ WORLD LIT:IM,EW	1-4
ENGL 33200	STUDIES IN GENRE:IM	3
ENGL 35900	WORLD LITERATURE:EW,IM	4
LITR 12600	FREN LITR IN TRANSLATION:IM,EW	3
LITR 16000	JAPANESE LITERATURE	3
SPAN 24000	SPAN/LATIN AMERICAN FILM:CA,EW	4

Two Advanced Research and Writing Courses (2 hours)

Students must take two of the 1-credit advanced research and writing course as supplementary courses to two of 3- or 4-credit English courses of their choice other than ENGL 10600 TELLING STORIES:READING LIT:IM.

ENGL 4XXXX Advanced Research and Writing (1 hour)

In this course, students will gain more in-depth knowledge of the topic of the connected course by engaging with extensive secondary materials. They will practice information literacy through original research on their chosen topic. They will develop their interpretive and close reading skills through the completion of a substantial (12-15 pages) analytical essay. This course may be repeated for credit.

Three Electives (9-12 hours)

Students must take an additional three electives from the 3- and 4-credit courses listed above or from the following courses:

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 20300	INTRO TO FILM ANALYSIS:IM	3
BIMD 23000	LITERATURE AND MEDICINE:IM	4
ENGL 23500	CONTEMPORARY POETRY	4
ENGL 24100	LIT PERSPECTIVE ON WOMEN:IM,CA	3
ENGL 25200	ENGL LANG:LINGUISTIC INTRO:CA	3
ENGL 25500	HOW WE TALK:DIALECTOLOGY:MM	3
ENGL 25700	HISTORY OF FILM AND CINEMA:IM	4
ENGL 33200	STUDIES IN GENRE:IM	3
BIMD 35000	AUTOBIO,ILLNESS,EMBODIMENT:IM	4
ENGL 47000	LITERARY THEORY	4

English majors NOT minoring in writing may also count up to two WRIT courses as English major electives.

Senior Capstone (4 hours)

Students must take the following two capstone courses in the fall of their senior year:

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 48010	SENIOR SEMINAR PART I	1
ENGL 48000	SENIOR SEMINAR	3

Required Correlative: One Course in Career Exploration (1 hour)

Students must take one course in researching and preparing for careers in the humanities.

Code	Title	Hours
STDV 21200	EXPLORING HUMANITIES CAREERS	1

Foreign Language

A foreign language is not required. Students must complete a foreign language through the 10200-level only if they plan to receive program honors upon graduation.

Minor in Writing

As of spring 2017, students completing the English major may combine it with a minor in writing. Students interested in this option should consult with English faculty members about how to complete the coursework for both the English major and writing minor in a timely manner. Students may NOT count writing courses toward both the English major and the writing minor.

AP Credit

Students who have received a 4 or 5 on the English Literature Advanced Placement (AP) test receive credit for one of the required elective literature courses in the major. However, the English program encourages students who are considering graduate work to take additional courses in the major.

Requirements for Honors in English

Program honors are a privilege conferred upon the English program's most outstanding students each year upon completion of the honors requirements. To apply for Honors in English, students must meet the Hiram College Honors GPA requirements (overall GPA of 2.80, program GPA of 3.60, and a sum of these two GPAs of 6.80). In addition, students must complete a foreign language through the 10200-level and receive an A or A- in the English capstone courses (ENGL 48000 SENIOR SEMINAR and ENGL 48010 SENIOR SEMINAR PART I). At that time, students who are eligible for honors are invited to submit an honors application to the English program for further consideration.

Pathway

Course	Title	Hours	Term
First Year			
Fall 12 Week			
UCS 10101	FIRST-YEAR ENDURING QUESTIONS	4	_____
ENGL 10600	TELLING STORIES:READING LIT:IM ¹	4	_____
Foreign Language (required only for program honors)		4	_____
Hours		12	
Fall 3 Week			
Hiram Core Requirement (MM or SM core recommended)		3-4	_____
Hours		3-4	
Spring 12 Week			
UCS 20201	ADDRESSING URGENT QUESTIONS	4	_____

ENGL XXXXX	American, British, or World Literature Course	4	_____
Foreign Language (required only for program honors)		4	_____

Hours		12	
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Spring 3 Week

Hiram Core Requirement		3-4	_____
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Hours		3-4	
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Second Year

Fall 12 Week

ENGL XXXXX	American, British, or World Literature	4	_____
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Hiram Core Requirement (MM or SM core recommended)		4	_____
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Hiram Core Requirement		4	_____
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Hours		12	
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Fall 3 Week

Elective		3-4	_____
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Hours		3-4	
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Spring 12 Week

ENGL XXXXX	American, British, or World Literature Course	4	_____
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Hiram Core Requirement		4	_____
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Elective, Second Major, Minor Course		4	_____
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Hours		12	
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Spring 3 Week

Elective, Second Major, Minor Course		3-4	_____
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Hours		3-4	
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Third Year

Fall 12 Week

UCS 30301	URGENT CHALLENGE SEMINAR:TT	4	_____
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ENGL XXXXX	American, British, or World Literature Course	4	_____
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ENGL XXXXX	English Elective PLUS ENGL 4XXXX Advanced Research and Writing Course (sequence can be taken in the spring)	4-5	_____
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Hours		12-13	
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Fall 3 Week

Hiram Core Requirement		3-4	_____
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Hours		3-4	
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Spring 12 Week

ENGL XXXXX	English Elective PLUS ENGL 4XXXX Advanced Research and Writing Course (sequence can be taken in the fall)	4-5	_____
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Hiram Core Requirement		4	_____
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Elective, Second Major, Minor Course		4	_____
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STDV 21200	EXPLORING HUMANITIES CAREERS	1	_____
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Hours		13-14	
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Spring 3 Week

ENGL XXXXX	American, British, or World Literature Course	3-4	_____
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Hours		3-4	
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Fourth Year**Fall 12 Week**

ENGL 48010	SENIOR SEMINAR PART I ¹	1	_____
ENGL XXXXX	American, British, or World Literature Course	4	_____
Hiram Core Requirement		4	_____
Elective, Second Major, Minor Course		4	_____
Hours		13	

Fall 3 Week

ENGL 48000	SENIOR SEMINAR ¹	3	_____
Hours		3	

Spring 12 Week

ENGL XXXXX	American, British, or World Literature Course	4	_____
Elective, Second Major, Minor Course		4	_____
Elective, Second Major, Minor Course		4	_____
Hours		12	

Spring 3 Week

Elective, Second Major, Minor Course		3-4	_____
Hours		3-4	
Total Hours		122-131	

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"Critical" to timely degree progression.