

English

Degree Type

Major

English Program Goals

The English program at Bethany College is designed to achieve the following goals for its students:

Content

- Acquaint students with knowledge of British and American literature in their cultural contexts from the beginnings to the 21st century
- Familiarize students with contemporary schools of critical theory

Skills

- Foster critical thinking (including close reading) about literature, language, and culture
- Foster graceful and effective writing about literature, language, and culture
- Prepare students for certification as teachers of English and Language Arts, for graduate or professional study, and for other vocations

Values

- Encourage participation in the creative process, including aesthetic appreciation of literature, language, and culture
- Empower students for lifelong learning

Requirements for the Major

The following courses are required for all students:

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 156	Introduction to Literary Studies	3
ENGL 245	British Literature I	3
ENGL 246	British Literature II	3
ENGL 250	American Literature	3
ENGL 268	Modern World Literature	3
	ENGL 275 or 280	3
ENGL 477	Senior Seminar	3
ENGL 490	Senior Project	2-4
ENGL 495	Comprehensive Exams	
	One other course in American Literature above the 200 level	3
	One other course in British Literature above the 200 level	3

In addition, each student must complete one of the following tracks:

Creative Writing

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 240	Creative Writing	3
	One additional course in American or British literature above the 200-level or one of the following: INTD 251, 252, or 253	3

At least twelve hours of upper-level workshops chosen from the following:

(at least three of those twelve hours at the 400-level)

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 311	Poetry Writing Workshop	3
ENGL 312	Fiction Writing Workshop	3
ENGL 313	Creative Non-Fiction Writing Workshop	3
ENGL 411	Advanced Poetry Writing Workshop	3
ENGL 412	Advanced Fiction Writing Workshop	3
ENGL 413	Advanced Creative Nonfiction Writing Workshop	3

Literature

Twelve credits chosen from:

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 200	Literature and Literary Diversity	3
ENGL 264	Masterpieces of Drama	3
ENGL 266	Masterpieces of European Literature	3
ENGL 267	Masterpieces of World Literature	3
ENGL 270	Shakespeare	3
INTD 251	Origins of Western Thought I: The Ancient World	3
INTD 252	Origins of Western Thought II: The Middle Ages and Renaissance	3
INTD 253	Origins of Western Thought III: The Modern Age	3
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	One other course in American Literature above the 200 level	3
	One other course in British Literature above the 200 level	3

Writing and Language

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 156	Introduction to Literary Studies	3
ENGL 240	Creative Writing	3
	ENGL 220 or 223	3
ENGL 370	Introduction to Linguistics	3
ENGL 379	Systems of English Grammar and the Development of Modern English	3

At least two additional courses selected from the following:

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 212	Writing for College and Community	3
ENGL 220	Writing for Business and Industry	3
ENGL 223	Technical Writing	3
ENGL 311	Poetry Writing Workshop	3
ENGL 312	Fiction Writing Workshop	3
ENGL 351	Literary Criticism and Theory	3
ENGL 483	Teaching Composition and Language	3
COMM 201	Media Writing	3
COMM 202	Digital Document Design	3
COMM 305	Feature Writing	3
COMM 309	Audio Recording Portfolio	3

A student majoring in English is expected to earn a minimum grade of C in all courses in the program.

Students planning to attend graduate or professional schools should be prepared to meet foreign language requirements.

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