

ENGLISH MAJOR WITH LITERATURE OPTION

Program Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
Degree Core Requirements		
<i>Foundational Theories and Content</i>		
ENGL 1004	Books, Libraries, Archives	3
ENGL 1514	Language and Society	3
ENGL 2604	Introduction to Critical Reading	3
ENGL 3324	Acts of Interpretation	3
ENGL 3754	Advanced Writing and Research	3
<i>English and Cross-cultural Representation</i>		
Select two of the following:		6
ENGL 3144	Language and Ethnicity in the United States	
ENGL 3644	The Postcolonial Novel	
ENGL 3654	Ethnic American Literature	
ENGL 3834	Intercultural Issues in Professional Writing	
Subtotal		21
Major Requirements		
<i>Literary History</i>		
ENGL 2534	American Literary History	3
ENGL 2544	British Literary History	3
<i>Capstone Experience</i>		
ENGL 4784	Senior Seminar	3
ENGL 3900	Bridge Experience	0
Subtotal		9
Option Required Courses		
<i>Literature Written Before 1800</i>		
Select two of the following:		6
ENGL 3204	Medieval Literature	
ENGL 3214	Renaissance Literature	
ENGL 4114	Chaucer	
ENGL 4164	Studies in Shakespeare	
ENGL 4214	Milton	
ENGL 4684	Special Topics in Literature (appropriate section) ¹	
ENGL 4784	Senior Seminar (appropriate section) ¹	
<i>English Elective</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 2534	American Literary History	
ENGL 2544	British Literary History	
ENGL/AFST 2644	Introduction to African-American Literature	
ENGL 2664	Being Human: Literature and Human Experience	
ENGL/AINS 2804	Contemporary Native American Literatures	
ENGL 3154	Literature, Medicine, and Culture	
ENGL 3204	Medieval Literature	
ENGL 3214	Renaissance Literature	
ENGL 3234		
ENGL 3264		

ENGL 3364	Topics in Literature by Women
ENGL 3514	Ethnic Literature for Children
ENGL 3524	Literature for Children
ENGL 3534	Literature and the Environment
ENGL/CINE 3544	Literature and Cinema
ENGL 3624	Appalachian Literature
ENGL 3644	The Postcolonial Novel
ENGL 3654	Ethnic American Literature
ENGL 3684	Literature and the Law
ENGL 3684H	Literature and the Law
ENGL 3694	
ENGL 4054	History of the English Language
ENGL 4114	Chaucer
ENGL 4124	Introduction to Old English
ENGL 4164	Studies in Shakespeare
ENGL 4214	Milton
ENGL 4314	
ENGL 4434	
ENGL 4444	
ENGL 4504	Modern Poetry
ENGL 4514	Contemporary Poetry
ENGL 4624	
ENGL 4634	Studies in an American Author before 1900
ENGL 4664	Contemporary Fiction
ENGL 4684	Special Topics in Literature
ENGL 4784	Senior Seminar
<i>Advanced Studies</i>	
Select two of the following:	
ENGL 3154	Literature, Medicine, and Culture
ENGL 3204	Medieval Literature
ENGL 3214	Renaissance Literature
ENGL 3234	
ENGL 3264	
ENGL 3364	Topics in Literature by Women
ENGL 3514	Ethnic Literature for Children
ENGL 3524	Literature for Children
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ENGL 4784	Senior Seminar	
<i>Capstone Experience</i>		
ENGL 4784	Senior Seminar	
Subtotal		15
Free Electives		
Select 30 credits of Free Electives		30
Subtotal		30
Pathways to General Education		
<i>Pathways Concept 1 - Discourse</i>		
ENGL 1105	First-Year Writing (1F)	3
ENGL 1106	First-Year Writing (1F)	3
Select three hours in Pathway 1a (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G01A)		3
<i>Pathways Concept 2 - Critical Thinking in the Humanities</i>		
Select six hours in Pathway 2 (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G02)		6
<i>Pathways Concept 3 - Reasoning in the Social Sciences</i>		
Select six hours in Pathway 3 (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G03)		6
<i>Pathways Concept 4 - Reasoning in the Natural Sciences</i>		
Select six hours in Pathway 4 (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G04)		6
<i>Pathways Concept 5 - Quantitative and Computational Thinking</i>		
Select six hours in Pathway 5f (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G05F)		6
Select three hours in Pathway 5f (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G05F)		3
<i>Pathways Concept 6 - Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts</i>		
Select three hours in Pathway 6a (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G06A)		3
Select three hours in Pathway 6d (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G06D)		3
<i>Pathways Concept 7 - Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States</i>		
Select three hours in Pathway 7 (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G07)		3
Subtotal		45
Total Credits		120

Satisfactory Progress Toward the B.A. in English, Major in English: Literature Option

Satisfactory progress toward the B.A. in English, Major in English: Literature Option, requires that upon having attempted 72 credits (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing, credit by examination, and course withdrawal), students must have passed 12 of the required credits in the English Core (Section I) and have attained a GPA of 2.0 or better both within the major and overall.

In order to graduate, students must complete the degree with a GPA of 2.0 or better both within the English Major: Literature Option and overall.

Graduation Requirements

The B.A. in English with a Major in English, in the Literature Option, requires 45 hours in English, distributed as follows, and 120 hours overall. In accordance with university guidelines, courses satisfying degree core requirements may not be double counted to satisfy other areas of a degree (e.g. Pathways).

Note: All English courses above the 1000-level have as a pre-requisite completion of the First-Year Writing Requirement—i.e., completion of 1106 or COMM 1016 Communication Skills. Some courses required for this major have other prerequisites/co-requisites and/or enrollment requirements. Please refer to the Undergraduate Catalog or consult your advisor for information about the specific pre-req/co-req or enrollment requirements for a specific course.

In order to graduate, students must complete the degree with a GPA of 2.0 or better both within the English Major: Literature Option and overall. Courses counting toward the English Major: Literature Option include ENGL 1004, 1514, 2434, 2444, 2534, 2544, 2604, 2644, 2664, 2804, 3024, 3154, 3204, 3214, 3234, 3264, 3324, 3364, 3424, 3434, 3514, 3524, 3534, 3544, 3624, 3644, 3654, 3684, 3684H, 3694, 3754, 4114, 4164, 4214, 4434, 4444, 4504, 4514, 4624, 4634, 4644, 4664, 4684, 4744, 4784, 4854, 4954

Foreign Language Requirement

- 3 years in high school *or*
- 2 years in high school + an 1106 foreign language (e.g., FR, GR, SPAN). *or*
- Less than 2 years in high school + an 1105-1106 foreign language (e.g., FR, GR, SPAN) grouping.

¹ An "appropriate section" of a rotating topics course is one in which the course syllabus substantially comprises literature written before 1800. Example topics might include "Literatures of Colonial America," "Witchcraft in Renaissance England," or "The Eighteenth-Century Novel." To determine whether a rotating topics course meets the requirement for "Literature Written Before 1800," consult the English Department advisor or the faculty member teaching the course.