

# Bachelor of Arts in English with a Concentration in Creative Writing

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Learn more about the Bachelor of Arts in English.

The English major helps students develop as readers of interesting, complex texts, including literary texts. Majors read writings from a variety of historical contexts and cultures; this experience builds their understanding of the relation between society and language. English majors become critical and reflective readers, aware of the history and development of writing in English. They are also good, inventive writers who are able to analyze problems, do careful and inventive research, argue and evaluate the arguments of others.

The English major is good preparation for a career in writing or editing—of stories, speeches, legal documents, advertising, research projects, poems, grant proposals, essays, or letters. English majors also find careers in publishing and journalism, public relations, business, industry, management, marketing, social services, and government. English is a strong pre-professional major for law, medicine, library science, and teaching, from the elementary to the post-secondary level.

## Summary of Degree Requirements

### University Requirements:

- MATH 0701 (4 s.h.) and/or ENG 0701 (4 s.h.), if required by placement testing.
- All Temple students must take a minimum of two writing-intensive courses as part of the major. For the English major, these courses are ENG 3096 and a 4000 level Capstone Seminar.
- Students must complete requirements of the General Education (GenEd) Program. See the General Education section of the *Undergraduate Bulletin* for more details.

### College of Liberal Arts Requirements:

- Completion of a minimum of 123 credits, including:
  - 90 credits in CLA/CST courses;
  - 45 credits of which must be at the upper level (numbered 2000-4999).
    - **Distribution Requirement for Humanities majors:** Six upper level credits must be earned in the Social Science, Science, and/or interdisciplinary subject areas. Select from the following CLA departments and programs: Africology & African American Studies, American Studies, Anthropology, Asian Studies, Criminal Justice, Economics, Environmental Studies, Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, Geography and Urban Studies, Global Studies, History, Jewish Studies, Latin American Studies, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies, Liberal Arts, Neuroscience (CLA), Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology, or any department in the College of Science and Technology.
- A minimum GPA of 2.0, cumulatively, in all CLA/CST coursework, and in the major department.
- Only courses in which a student receives a grade of at least C- can satisfy GenEd, major, minor, or CLA Foreign Language and Global Studies requirements.
- **Professional Development Requirement**
  - All students in the College of Liberal Arts are required to take a 1 credit seminar in professional development. CLA 1002 Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors or ENG 1801 Career Seminar would be an appropriate choice for this major. Several of our larger departments have alternatives for their program, these alternative options may be found on the CLA College Requirements page. Only one course in this category may count towards graduation.
- **Foreign Language/Global Studies Requirements:**
  - All students must complete or test out of the first and second levels of a foreign language - these courses are numbered 1001 and 1002;
  - All students must complete at least one course from the GenEd Global/World Society category; and
  - All Bachelor of Arts students must complete one of the following options:
    - Third semester of a foreign language;
    - Demonstrated proficiency beyond the third semester in a foreign language (placement exam or certification from the language department);
    - Take one Global Studies course from the list on the CLA College Requirements page;
    - Study Abroad at an approved program; or
    - Take a second General Education Global/World Society course.
- **Notes on Foreign Language Study**
  - The third level of language is numbered 1003 in French, German, Spanish, and Portuguese and numbered 2001 in all other foreign language subjects.

- Students are strongly encouraged to take the third level of a foreign language as it is the minimum required for election to the prestigious honor society *Phi Beta Kappa*. (Taking the course does not guarantee admission but not taking it guarantees exclusion.)
- See the College of Liberal Arts Policies section of this *Bulletin* for more information on the Foreign Language Placement, Regression in Coursework, and guidelines for students' other experiences with language.

**General Electives** are typically one-third of a student's program of study and can be focused on a second major, a minor, or towards some other personal enrichment or professional goals. See an academic advisor for assistance in developing an academic plan for these courses.

**Major Requirements (36 credits/12 courses):**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ENG 2001	Interpreting Literature	3
Two survey courses from the following:		6
ENG 2501	Introduction to British Writing	
ENG 2502	Introduction to American Writing	
ENG 2503	Introduction to Global Writing	
One of the following sequences:		6
ENG 2003 & ENG 3003	Creative Writing: Poetry and Advanced Creative Writing: Poetry	
ENG 2004 & ENG 3004	Creative Writing: Fiction and Advanced Creative Writing: Fiction	
ENG 2005 & ENG 3005	Creative Writing: Plays and Advanced Creative Writing: Plays	
One English 2000+ Elective		3
Two English 3000+ Electives		6
One English 3000+ course focused on pre-1800 literature <sup>1</sup>		3
One English 3000+ course focused on pre-1900 literature <sup>1</sup>		3
ENG 3096	Texts and Criticism	3
ENG 4096	Studies in Creative Writing <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup> See the faculty advisor in English for assistance in selecting courses.

<sup>2</sup> Indicates writing capstone for the major

## Distinction in Major

Students need at least a 3.65 GPA in English courses to earn distinction in major.

## Suggested Academic Plan

Please note that this is a suggested academic plan. Depending on your situation, your academic plan may look different.

## Bachelor of Arts in English with a Concentration in Creative Writing Requirements for New Students starting in the 2022-2023 Academic Year

Year 1		Credit Hours
Fall		
ENG 0802, 0812, or 0902	Analytical Reading and Writing [GW]	4
GenEd Quantitative Literacy Course [GQ]		4
Foreign Language 1001 - first level		4
GenEd Breadth Course		3
<b>Term Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
Spring		
IH 0851 or 0951	Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life [GY]	3
Foreign Language 1002 - second level		4
GenEd Breadth Course		3
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<b>Term Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
IH 0852 or 0952	Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good [GZ]	3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
ENG 2001	Interpreting Literature	3
Select one of the following survey courses:		3
ENG 2501	Introduction to British Writing	
ENG 2502	Introduction to American Writing	
ENG 2503	Introduction to Global Writing	
One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College		2
Select one of the following:		3
Foreign Language - third level		
GenEd Global/World Society Course		
Internationally-Focused Course From Approved List		
<b>Term Credit Hours</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
English 2000+ Course		3
English 3000+ Course		3
ENG 1801	Career Seminar <sup>1</sup>	1
Select one of the following survey courses:		3
ENG 2501	Introduction to British Writing	
ENG 2502	Introduction to American Writing	
ENG 2503	Introduction to Global Writing	
<b>Term Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
CLA/CST 2000+ Social Science/CST Course		3
English 2000+ Creative Writing Course		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
ENG 3096	Texts and Criticism [WI]	3
English 3000+ Course		3
<b>Term Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
CLA/CST 2000+ Social Science/CST Course		3
English 3000+ Creative Writing Course		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course		3
English 3000+ Course (pre-1900 literature)		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
<b>Term Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year 4</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
English 3000+ Course (pre-1800 literature)		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
<b>Term Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		

ENG 4096	Studies in Creative Writing [WI] (capstone) <sup>2</sup>	3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		2
One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College		3
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<b>Term Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
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<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>123</b>

<sup>1</sup> CLA 1002 or PSY 1002 can substitute for ENG 1801.

<sup>2</sup> Register with the English Department.