Bachelor of Arts in English

Learn more about the Bachelor of Arts in English.

A concentration in English can not only lead to advanced study in English literature and other academic fields, but can also prepare students to enter arts and public administration, business, law, and politics, where their skills stand to make a difference. English majors become critical and reflective readers, aware of the history and development of writing in English. They are also strong, inventive writers who are able to analyze problems, do careful and innovative 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):**

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Total Credit Hours 36

1 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.

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**Requirements for New Students starting in the 2020-2021 Academic Year**

**Year 1**

**Fall**

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<td>Analytical Reading and Writing [GW]</td>
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<td>Foreign Language 1001 - first level</td>
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Term Credit Hours 15

**Spring**

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<td>Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life [GY]</td>
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<td>Foreign Language 1002 - second level</td>
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**Year 2**

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ENG 2502  Introduction to American Writing
ENG 2503  Introduction to Global Writing
ENG 1801  Career Seminar

Select one of the following:
- Foreign Language - third level
- GenEd Global/World Society Course
- Internationally-Focused Course from Approved List

| Term Credit Hours | 16 |

**Spring**
- GenEd Breadth Course 3
- GenEd Breadth Course 3
- English 2000+ Course 3
- English 2000+ Course 3

Select one of the following survey courses:
- ENG 2501  Introduction to British Writing
- ENG 2502  Introduction to American Writing
- ENG 2503  Introduction to Global Writing

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**Year 3**

**Fall**
- CLA/CST 2000+ Social Science/CST Course 3
- English 3000+ Course 3
- English 3000+ Course 3
- CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective 3
- ENG 3096  Texts and Criticism [WI] 3

| Term Credit Hours | 15 |

**Spring**
- CLA/CST 2000+ Social Science/CST Course 3
- English 3000+ Course (pre-1800 literature) 3
- CLA/CST 2000+ Course 3
- CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective 3
- English 3000+ Course 3

| Term Credit Hours | 15 |

**Year 4**

**Fall**
- English 3000+ Course (pre-1900 literature) 3
- CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective 3
- CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective 3
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**Spring**
- English 4000+ Capstone Course 2 3
- CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective 3
- CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective 2
- CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective 3
- 0800-4999 Electives in Any School or College 5

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Total Credit Hours: 123

1  CLA 1002 can substitute for ENG 1801.
2  Register with the English Department.