

ENGLISH AND PROFESSIONAL WRITING MAJOR

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The English program provides a valuable educational experience for students who need the kinds of skills that employers increasingly demand—reading, writing, research, and critical thinking. The program’s flexibility allows students to acquire specific knowledge in media writing, graphic design, public relations, and other areas in order to gain real world application of these skills. The English program at UC emphasizes the following career paths for English majors: writers for web sites, businesses, media outlets, and nonprofit organizations.

English majors will experience the following:

- Opportunity to work on the campus newspaper *The Eagle*.
- Opportunity to join the student organization, DREAAM Studio, and to work on a student magazine and learn to design documents and graphics for various media.
- Potential to join *Sigma Tau Delta*, a national English honorary, and gain access to scholarships and publishing opportunities.
- Ability to double major or minor in ICOM, Digital Media, Psychology, Political Science, and Business.
- Opportunities for internships with media companies, nonprofit corporations, and other organizations.
- Preparation for a variety of career interests, including government, law, nonprofits, business, media, teaching, and graduate school.

Program Mission Statement

The mission of the English Program is to prepare students for a life of enlightened living, productive work, and community service, by helping students learn to communicate effectively and develop sophisticated reading, writing, critical thinking, and research skills.

Program Outcomes

Graduates with the **English major** will be able to:

1. Identify a wide range of literary texts & periods, including historical and contemporary works by British, American, and World authors, works by female authors, and works by authors of color across several genres.
2. Engage in meta-cognition & critical thinking as he or she reads, interprets, analyzes, and evaluates individual works, taking into account the relationships among the text, context, critical context, & sub-text.

3. Conduct research (electronic and non-electronic) for the purpose of exploring, documenting, evaluating, and publishing conclusions orally and in writing.
4. Communicate effectively to a variety of audiences and in a variety of modes.
5. Demonstrate knowledge and application of digital media principles and/or knowledge and application of principles in the field of communications.

Admission Requirements

Students must gain general admission to the University of Charleston. A visit to the campus to meet with Admissions personnel and program faculty is strongly encouraged.

What You Will Study

The major in English consists of at least 120 credit hours, including a total of 40 hours in the program. Program requirements include 25 credits in the English core and 15 hours of electives in the ICOM and/or DMDS programs. Students are encouraged to double major or minor in the following areas: ICOM, DMDS, PSYC, POLS, BUSI, or others.

English Core

Choose 2 courses (6 credits) from the following:

ENGL 203	British Literature: Romantics to the 20 th Century	3 credits
ENGL 224	American Literature Survey II	3 credits
ENGL 230	Western World Literature	3 credits
ENGL 231	Non-Western World Literature	3 credits

Total: 6 credits

ENGL 345	Advanced Writing	3 credits
ENGL 405	English capstone	3 credits
ENGL 361	<i>The Eagle</i> newspaper or Internship	1 credit

Total: 7 credits

Literature Electives (12 credits) – Choose 4 courses from the following:

ENGL 307	Appalachian Literature	3 credits
ENGL 312	Shakespeare	3 credits
ENGL 320	Multi-ethnic Literature	3 credits
ENGL 326	Literature and Gender	3 credits
ENGL 336	Literature and Film	3 credits

ENGL 360 Harry Potter 3 credits

ENGL 340 Creative Writing 3 credits

Total: 12 credits

ICOM and/or DMDS Electives

Choose 5 courses (15 credits) from the following:

ICOM and/or DMDS 200-300 level courses

Total: 15 credits

Total for the Major: 40 credits

Additional Requirements

Students must receive a minimum grade of “C” or better for each of the program courses and ENGL 405, English Capstone. In addition, students must meet all of the graduation requirements of the University.

Standard Four-Year Path

FRESHMAN YEAR			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
ENGL 2XX (HUMN Flex)	3	STEM FLEX	3
SS FLEX Course	3	ENGL 2XX (HUMN Flex)	3
Elective	3	UNIV 105 Foundations of Character & Leadership	3
UNIV 104 College Motivation and Success	3	SPCH 103 Speech	3
COMM 101 Freshman Writing	3	COMM 102 Freshman Writing	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

SOPHOMORE YEAR			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
ENGL 3XX (Elective Flex Course)	3	ENGL 3XX (Elective Flex Course)	3
Elective	3	STEM FLEX	3
SS FLEX	3	ICOM or DMDS Elective	3
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ENGL 361	1	Elective (Minor)	3
Total Credits	16	Total Credits	15

JUNIOR YEAR

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
ENGL 3XX	3	ENGL 3XX	3
ICOM or DMDS Elective	3	ICOM or DMDS Elective	3
Elective (Minor)	3	Elective (Minor)	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

SENIOR YEAR

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
ENGL 345	3	ENGL 405	3
Elective (Minor)	3	Elective (Minor)	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

MINOR IN ENGLISH

Requirements for the Minor

The minor in English consists of 18 credits:

Choose 1 course (3 credits) from the following:

ENGL 203 Survey of British Literature: from Romantics to 20th Century

ENGL 224 Survey of American Literature II

ENGL 230 Survey of Western World literature

ENGL 231 Survey of Non-Western World literature

Choose 3 courses (9 hours) from the following:

ENGL 320—Multi-ethnic literature

ENGL 326—Literature and Gender

ENGL 307—Appalachian literature

ENGL 336—Literature and Film

ENGL 360—Harry Potter

ENGL 312—Shakespeare

ENGL 340—Creative writing

ENGL 345—Advanced writing

ENGL 361—*Eagle* newspaper (up to 3 credit hours may be counted)

Choose 2 courses (6 hours) of 200 and/or 300-level ICOM and/or DMDS electives

Total for the minor: 18 Credits