

ENGLISH (BA)

Program Mission

The mission of the English Program is to guide students, within a robustly Catholic liberal arts college setting, toward a greater understanding of themselves, others, and the world through the wisdom of excellent writing. Intensive reading and writing, critical evaluation of ideas and arguments, and engagement in scholarly communities prepare our students for careers that require superior writing, reading, speaking, and thinking skills.

Program Outcomes

1. Graduates will be familiar with literature in English and with the British and American literary tradition.
2. Graduates will have the ability to analyze and interpret literary works.
3. Graduates will be competent writers.
4. Graduates will understand of the nature, structure, and uses of language.
5. Graduates of English Education will be competent in the content of literature and writing and be able to teach both.
6. Graduates will be prepared to live in a diverse society through required readings in World and American literature by writers of diverse genders, ethnicities, and cultures.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
ENGL-1600	British Literature to 1750	3
ENGL-1650	British Literature After 1750	3
ENGL-1700	American Literature to Civil War	3
ENGL-1750	American Literature After Civil War	3
ENGL-3020	Shakespeare	3
ENGL-4110	Literary Criticism	3
ENGL-4310	Introduction to Linguistics	3
ENGL-4910	Language & Literature Seminar (may be taken more than once)	3
ENGL-1500 or ENGL-1550	World Lit I: Ancient to Renaissance World Lit II: Enlightenment-Present	3
Additional Upper-Division Courses		
Select at least 9 additional upper-division hours, for a total of no less than 36 hours in the major. One of these upper-division elective courses will be selected from the genre courses, and one from the period courses.		9
Genre Courses		
ENGL-3110	The Novel	
ENGL-3120	Short Story	
ENGL-3130	Poetry	
ENGL-3140	The Play	
ENGL-3150	Film	
Literary Period Courses		
ENGL-3010	Old & Middle English Literature	
ENGL-3030	Renaissance Literature	
ENGL-3040	Restoration & 18th Century Literature	
ENGL-3050	Colonial & Revolutionary Lit, 1650-1820	

ENGL-3070	Romanticism & Amer Renaissance 1820-1865	
ENGL-4010	Romantic Literature	
ENGL-4020	Victorian Literature	
ENGL-4040	Modern Amer Lit 1890-1945	
ENGL-4050	20th Century British Literature	
ENGL-4060	Contemporary American Literature	
Senior Comprehensive Exam		
ENGL-COMP	Senior Comprehensive Exam	0
Total Hours		36

The department recommends that majors take additional English courses beyond the minimum and that they take at least some of their electives in related fields such as history, theatre arts, music, and upper-division foreign language.

Transfer students majoring in English must take a minimum of 50% of the coursework required for the major at Benedictine College. Transfer students pursuing a minor in English must take at least 50% of the coursework required for the minor at Benedictine College.

Suggested Sequence of Courses for a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English

Course	Title	Hours
Freshman Year		
First Semester		
ENGL-1010	English Composition	3
THEO-1100	Introduction to Theology	3
Foreign Language		4
Natural World Foundation		4
GNST-1000	BC Experience	1
Elective		3
Hours		18
Second Semester		
ENGL-1600	British Literature to 1750	3
Foreign Language		4
PHIL-1750	Principles of Nature	3
EXSC-1115	Wellness for Life	1
Electives		6
Hours		17
Sophomore Year		
First Semester		
ENGL-1650	British Literature After 1750	3
ENGL-1700	American Literature to Civil War	3
Historical Foundation		3
Philosophical Inquiry Foundation		3
Faith Foundation		3
EXSC Fitness Course		1
Hours		16
Second Semester		
ENGL-1750	American Literature After Civil War	3
English Course		3
Historical Foundation		3
Natural World Foundation (with lab)		4

Mathematical Reasoning		3
	Hours	16
Junior Year		
First Semester		
English Courses		6
Elective		3
Faith Foundation		3
ENGL-4310	Introduction to Linguistics	3
	Hours	15
Second Semester		
English Courses		6
Person and Community Foundation		3
Electives		7
	Hours	16
Senior Year		
First Semester		
English Courses		6
ENGL-4110	Literary Criticism	3
Electives		7
	Hours	16
Second Semester		
ENGL-COMP	Senior Comprehensive Exam	0
English Courses		6
ENGL-4910	Language & Literature Seminar	3
Electives		6
	Hours	15
	Total Hours	129