English Majoring in English at The University of Memphis is a rich, intellectually rewarding experience—as well as excellent preparation for a wide variety of careers. The Department of English is one of the largest in the College of Arts and Sciences, with a broad set of programs that allow you to tailor your studies toward your own interests and career goals.

Choose a concentration! There are six concentrations from which you can choose:

- **Literature**, with courses introducing you to a wide span of literary history. You’ll read both the classic and popular works of American and British authors, and learn about the various schools of interpretative theory that help us understand these texts.
- **African American Literature**, which emphasizes the relationships among the many cultures and the histories of Africans, Americans, and African Americans.
- **Creative Writing**, with award-winning poets and prose writers who will work with you to master the forms and craft of poetry, fiction, and creative non-fiction—and also teach you how to get your work published.
- **Professional Writing**, offering courses in composition theory, document design, technical writing, persuasive writing, and the publishing process.
- **Language and Linguistics**, offering courses not only in the nature and structure of languages but also in real-life implications of language on literature, society, and language development.
- **English as a Second Language (ESL)**, exploring methods, techniques, and theory for teaching English to non-native speakers, with a licensure track for teaching ESL.

What other opportunities can you enjoy?

- Internships in business and industry through the Professional Writing program.
- Work-study programs in the Czech Republic and elsewhere, following training in ESL/EFL.
- Membership in Sigma Tau Delta, an international honor society for English majors.
- Skills training in writing and analysis—greatly desirable to employers in all professional fields.
- ESL Licensure Track for those interested in teaching.
- Participation in the well known River City Writers Series, which brings eminent writers to campus every year for workshops, interviews, classroom, and public readings. The department also publishes the literary journal, *The Pinch*. 
## ENGLISH
### SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

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**Semester Totals**  
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GE = General Education Requirements  
BA = Bachelor of Arts college requirements  
UD = Upper division  
Foreign Language Requirement – See the Undergraduate Catalog: [http://catalog.memphis.edu](http://catalog.memphis.edu)

Degree hours = 120  
42 Upper Division hours required for graduation

No more than 2 hours of physical education courses may be counted toward a degree.

Residence – 30 of the last 60 hours must be taken at University of Memphis; at least 60 hours must be at a four-year institution; transfer students must earn at least 6 hours of a major at UM and at least 3 hours of a minor at UM.
ENGLISH COURSES

1010. English Composition
1020. English Composition and Analysis.
2201. Literary Heritage
3210. British Literature to 1750.
3211. Seventeenth-Century British Literature.
3213. Reason and Sensibility in British 18th Century Literature.
3214. Shakespeare I.
3215. Shakespeare II.
3216. Topics in Medieval Literature.
3220. British Literature since 1750.
3223. British Literature of the Twentieth Century.
3224. Shakespeare II.
3225. African American Lit. through the Harlem Renaissance.
3226. African American Lit. since the Harlem Renaissance.
3227. American Literature to 1865.
3228. American Literature since 1865.
3229. Major Authors in American Literature.
3230. Place and Time in American Literature.
3401. Children’s Literature.
3402. Science Fiction and Fantasy.
3403. Mythic Backgrounds in Literature.
3501. Modern English Grammar.
3511. Introduction to Linguistics.
3521. The American Language.
3601. Technical and Professional Writing.
3602. Professional Editing.
3604. Persuasive Writing.
3606. Poetry Writing.
3607. Fiction Writing.
3608. Creative Nonfiction Writing.
3701. Literary Criticism and Theory.
4001. Senior Honors Seminar I.
4230. Chaucer and the Medieval World.
4234. Milton.
4237. Shakespeare II.
4323. Southern Literature
4346. Cultural Ideas in American Literature.
4372. African American Authors through Harlem Renaissance.
4373. African American Authors since the Harlem Renaissance.
4374. African American Literary Movements.
4430. The Graphic Novel.
4431. Contemporary Literature.
4442. Studies in World Literature.
4452. Modern Drama.
4453. Contemporary Drama.
4454. Literary Movements.
4456. Readings in Literary Nonfiction
4457. Poetry and Poetics.
4501. History of the English Language.
4511. Language and Literature.
4514. Residency 1 Practicum in ESL Licensure.
4521. Language and Society.
4522. Gender and Language
4530. Practicum in ESL.
4531. Methods and Techniques in ESL.
4532. Skills Approaches and Assessment for ESL.
4533. ESL/EFL in Multicultural Setting.
4599. Forms of Creative Nonfiction.
4600. Creative Nonfiction Workshop.
4601. Poetry Workshop.
4602. Advanced Composition.
4603. Fiction Workshop.
4604. Forms of Poetry.
4605. Forms of Fiction.
4610. Creative Writing and Translation.
4611. English Studies in Inter/National Locales.
4617. History of Rhetoric.
4618. Document Design.
4619. Web Design and Online Writing.
4630. Internship in Professional Writing.
4640. Internship in English.

Please consult the Undergraduate Catalog at http://catalog.memphis.edu for complete descriptions.

English Honors Program

In addition to participating in the University Honors Programs, undergraduate English majors may participate in the English Honors Program. Students who complete the English Honors Program and the regular college requirements are recognized at the Commencement ceremony by having their degree conferred "With Honors in English." Specific information about the English Honors Program is available from Dr. John D. Miles, Director of the English Honors Program (jdmiles1@memphis.edu), and at:
http://www.memphis.edu/english/undergraduates/english_honors/index.php

Careers in English

Majoring in English can provide opportunities to impact and build the world around us, whether it is at the workplace, in academia, or even the courtroom. The following is but a brief list of what you could pursue through a degree in English:

- Teaching
- Technical Writing
- Writing, Editing and Publishing
- Advertising and Public Relations
- Business
- Graduate or Law School
ENGLISH PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A. University General Education Program (41 hours)
See the Undergraduate Catalog for the University General Education Program requirements.

B. College and Degree (B.A.) Requirements (6-9 hours)
The College and Bachelor of Arts requirements are in addition to the University General Education Program requirements and are listed in the Undergraduate Catalog.

C. The Major (33 hours)
1. Major Core: Completion of 12 hours in English courses, including ENGL 3210, 3220, and 3327; one course from ENGL 3501, 3511, 3604, 3701, 4501, 4599, 4602, 4604, or 4605. Students in the Creative Writing Concentration must take either ENGL 4599, 4604 or 4605. Students in the Professional Writing Concentration must take either ENGL 3604 or 4602. Students in the ESL Licensure Track must take ENGL 3604 or 4602.
2. Concentration (12 hours)
a. African-American Literature: 12 hours from ENGL 3325, 3326, 4372, 4373, and 4374.
b. Creative Writing: 12 semester hours including: 1) 6 hours composed of ENGL 3606 and either 3607 or 3608; and 2) 6 hours of 4000-level workshop courses: 4600, 4601, or 4603.
c. English as a Second Language: 12 hours from ENGL 4101-4109 (only in ESL), 4530, 4531, 4532, 4533. A maximum of 6 hours in Language and Linguistics courses may be substituted for ESL courses.
   ESL Licensure Track: 12 hours of ENGL 4531, 4532, 4533, 3501. (See the Undergraduate Catalog for other specific requirements for this track.)
d. Language and Linguistics: 12 hours from ENGL 3501, 3511, 3521, 4501-4522, 4540-4550.
e. Literature: 12 hours from ENGL 3100-3119 (only in literature), 3211-3216, 3221-3224, 3325-3401, 3404, 3701, 4001 (only in literature), 4230-4472. At least 6 of these hours must be in 4000-level courses. No more than 3 hours of ENGL 3325, 3326, 4372, and 4373 may be applied to the Literature concentration.
f. Professional Writing: 12 hours including ENGL 3601, 3602, one course from 4618 or 4619, and one course from 3604, 4101-4109 (only in professional writing), 4602, 4606-4617, 4618, 4619, 4630.
3. Major Electives: 9 hours of upper division ENGL courses. NOTE: ENGL 3500 and 3603 may not be used to satisfy any requirement for the English major. ENGL 4900 and 4996 may not be used to satisfy required hours in any concentration.

D. Electives
Electives may be chosen to bring the total number of hours to 120.

E. Honors Program
On the junior and senior level, the Department of English offers an honors track open only to English majors. Details of the program are available at the English Department office.

English Minor
Completion of 12 upper division hours in English (excluding ENGL 3500 and 3603).

Accelerated B.A./M.A. Program in English
This program allows outstanding undergraduates to begin the coursework for the Master of Arts in English during their senior year. Students are encouraged to begin planning to enter the Accelerated B.A./M.A. program early in their undergraduate career, in consultation with their advisor in the Department of English. Please consult the Undergraduate Catalog for further information.

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